

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex**

Opened: 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 8:16 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe
Scott Doherty
Beth McGuinn
Howard Moffett, Chair
Kent Ruesswick
John Schneider
Tim Meeh
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Others in attendance:

N/A

I. Minutes of June 22, 2023 CCPC meeting (no meeting in July)

- a. Lenore – motion
- b. Tim – Second
- c. All approved (Scott Abstained)

II. Update on Canterbury Community Power (CCP) since June 22

- a. Select Board voted to continue Granite Basic as default Rate for CCP
- b. At this time, it appears CPCNH Granite Basic is the lowest rate available in the state
- c. Next utility auction period is February-end of July
- d. Unitil and Eversource default customers switched to CCP rate of 15.8 cents/kWh on meter-read dates in June, first seen on monthly bills in July

- e. **June 30:** CPCNH Board set 6-month rates for August '23 through January '24:
 - Granite Basic: 10.9 cents/kWh (default rate chosen by Selectboard)
 - Granite Plus: 11.3 cents/kWh
 - Clean 50: 12.3 cents/kWh
 - Clean 100: 15.2 cents/kWh

Compare CCP default rate (Granite Basic) to default rates of delivery utilities for Aug '23 through Jan '24:

NHEC	11.4 cents/kWh
Eversource	12.6 cents/kWh
Unitil	13.3 cents/kWh

- f. **August:** CCP 10.9 cents/kWh rate take effect on meter-read dates
- g. **September:** CCP 10.9 cent rate shows up on monthly utility bills
- h. **Discussed CCP's ongoing relationship with CPCNH**
 - i. CPCNH – will be putting out information about how much is going into our accounts
 - ii. Report of CPCNH CEO, said there will be further discussion within executive committee about financial reporting on a monthly basis
 - iii. Discussed whether Canterbury may want to set Granite Plus as a default rate in the future, will be discussed further in December

III. Next Challenge: Accessing Federal Funds for Renewable Energy Projects (Lenore)

- a. **Summary of Federal Funding opportunities through IRA, Infrastructure Act**
- b. **CTAP funding through NHMA (3 potential project applications submitted to and approved by Select Board on July 3)**
- c. **On 8/23 Lenore, Kent, and Howard met with Stuart Arnett, ADG advising, who will work with us to get a proposal together**
- d. **Discussed potential Canterbury funding priorities, potential funding opportunities, and personnel and resources we'd need to pursue them**
 - i. Discussed various project ideas
 - ii. This could be a demonstration project for other communities – opportunity for more benefits, potentially even sponsorship
 - iii. How to train people in town, so that we can have continuity
 - iv. **Discussed what the roles may be on a new committee (or CCPC):**
 - 1. Need a chairperson, hopefully well-known and involved in this kind of work
 - 2. Need an outreach person or two
 - 3. Need to inform people about what we are doing
 - 4. Someone to keep track of data, search databases

- a. There are several databases, and this is time-consuming
- 5. Someone to manage website for the projects, and submit online
- 6. Research and writing
- 7. Lenore anticipates doing some of that, but would like help from others

e. Discussed next steps:

- i. Need to get team together, find out who would be involved
- ii. Step 1 would be to come up with a plan, a vision, a narrative of the big picture (hopefully by end of year)
- iii. Learn the skills and how to do it
- iv. This will be a lot of work, may be difficult with part-time government to take on projects that require a regular commitment
- v. Definitely will need a volunteer team to be able to do it
- vi. Want this to be a long term benefit/resource for the town
- vii. UNH Extension – Merrimack County – has an individual whose role it is to work on community development, could be a good resource
- viii. People should bring in resources ideas, names of people who might be interested in being involved

IV. Discussed of Future of CCPC/Approach to Federal Funding Projects

a. Discussed whether the federal funding projects (above) are for CCPC to take on, or whether this would be more appropriate for a new/other committee

- i. Primary purpose is on developing skills and taking advantage of opportunities to secure funding for projects for the town
- ii. Should be a town committee, with reports to the town, agenda, minutes, etc.
- iii. Selectman's rep should be on the committee
- iv. Selectboard can establish the committee
- v. CCPC makes sense if they are deciding how to use the funds from CPCNH
- vi. However, might involve projects that are not just energy-related
 - 1. Internet/broadband is a big issue in town
 - 2. Cell service also an issue (and seems to be getting worse)
- vii. CCPC must remain a committee either way:
 - 1. CCPC still needs to send representatives to the coalition, maybe have a representative on the board, advise/support Selectboard as to rates, and potentially eventually to advise on spending

Adjourned at 8:16 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary