

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex**

Opened: 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 8:03 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe
Beth McGuinn
Kent Ruesswick
Tim Meeh
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

John Schneider
Scott Doherty
Howard Moffett, Chair

Others in attendance:

Ben Stonebraker

I. Minutes of August 30, 2023 CCPC meeting (no meeting in September)

- a. First: Tim
- b. Second: Lenore
- c. All approved

II. Reviewed vision paper

- a. To be used as a beginning work plan and a structure for us going forward
- b. Kent's revision regarding electric vehicle charger proposal – noted that proposal is for Level 2 chargers, not Level 3 chargers, which are much more expensive

III. Latest on “Clean Fleets” project

- a. The source of funds is from the VW settlement - \$10m avail to cities and towns to replace municipal diesel vehicles with electric
- b. Proposal is to replace Canterbury transfer station loader with electric
 - i. Caterpillar Electric Loader 950GC - Would have to preorder – Not available until next year
 - ii. We do need a new loader – current one is not reparable
 - iii. Proposal due October 13 for grant that covers 95% of the cost

IV. Working Groups:

a. Established two working groups:

i. Cell service/municipal vehicles group

1. Lenore (on both)
2. Kent (on both)
3. Scott
4. Ben
5. John
6. Kelley (Chair)

ii. Solar array and battery storage group

1. Lenore (on both)
2. Kent (on both)
3. Tim
4. Beth
5. Howard (Howard or Beth to Chair)

b. Discussed When, Where, and How Often to Meet:

i. Next meeting

1. Working groups meet for 20-30, then full group
2. Discuss what needs to be done by each group and when, and determine who is doing what
3. October 25, 7PM

ii. CCPC

1. Should meet monthly

iii. Working Groups:

1. Need to decide if want to meet bi-weekly – should plan to meet regularly through fall and winter
2. May also be able to meet/correspond via email
3. Idea is to get the groups ready, because there is not a long lead time on the grants (often around 6 weeks)
4. Working groups can collect information to be used when a grant opportunity arises

V. Solar Presentation – Beth

a. Discussed joint meeting with other committees for Beth to present slideshow on community-scale solar projects

b. Beth to send invite to:

- i.** Energy Committee
- ii.** Planning Board
- iii.** Conservation Commission
- iv.** Agricultural Commission

- VI. Recruitment of new CCPC members**
- a. Ad in today's town email looking for people who may be interested
 - b. Keep looking for other people interested in joining
- VII. Report on Lenore's conversation with Stuart Arnett of ADG**
- a. ADG – CTAP project
 - i. Group of 10 towns – Canterbury is a standout
 - ii. A lot of opportunities spread out over 4-5 year period
- VIII. Discussed Webinar on State Electric Vehicle Charging Program**
- a. Was supposed to be today (10/4) but got cancelled unexpectedly
 - b. We should try to view the webinar when it does happen and report back
 - c. State and feds want to do a charging station corridor – a lot of requirements to participate in the project
- IX. Misc. Discussion of Ideas and Opportunities**
- a. Next year, Merrimack County will be included in Northern Border Regional Commission
 - b. Public Utilities – may actually be worth meeting with on some of the projects
 - c. Discussed potential for community solar in Canterbury

Adjourned at 8:03 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Thursday, November 2 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road – Community-Scale Solar Presentation by Beth McGuinn

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary