

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday November 9, 2022
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 700 PM

Adjourned: 830 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy Doherty

Lenore Howe

Beth McGuinn

Tim Meeh

Howard Moffett, Chair

John Schneider

Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

Kent Ruesswick, Select Board Representative

Others in attendance:

N/A

I. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- a. Beth moved to approve 10/26/2022 meeting minutes, Kathy seconded, all in favor

II. Review of upcoming tasks (addressed throughout)

- a. EAP Drafting Group – November 15 Planning Board meeting – Lenore and Howard and John will be attending
- b. Filings with NHPUC and utilities

III. Developments since last full CCPC meeting

- a. Efforts to obtain CCPC webpage on Town website
 - i. Has not happened yet – Will continue to work with town on this
- b. CCPC Registration Filing with NHPUC – Howard working on this
 - i. Copy to Dept of Energy, CPCNH, three utilities, etc.
 - ii. Relates directly to EAP drafting and filling in the data chart re the utilities – have to wait 10 days after filing registration with PUC, before requesting expanded aggregate load data from utilities
- c. November 3 email from CPCNH Chair Clifton Below re Coalition Risk Management and Cost Sharing
 - i. Was sent to all town board members (of CPCNH) and alternates
 - ii. First real substantive information and invitation to discuss the energy portfolio risk management rates and reserves policies
 - iii. Coalition will be working on this over next few months

- iv. Will primarily impact first the initial wave of towns – not us yet
- v. We are invited to send comments/suggestions
 - 1. By next Wednesday 11/16 – Kelley and Howard to review and discuss
 - 2. Select board will need to look at it, maybe even town attorneys, but not until after vote on EAP at Town Meeting in March
- d. Discussion with Energy Committee went very well on Monday (November 7)

IV. Working group reports, discussion

a. EAP Working Group report on three sections at p. 10 of CPCNH template EAP, to make policy goals and objectives relevant to Canterbury

- i. Lenore distributed Beth's draft of "Canterbury's Policy Goals" for discussion
- ii. Also distributed draft Attachment 3, including (1) final 2018 Energy Committee Mission Statement, and (2) draft Canterbury energy goals from Lenore and John for 3-way discussion with Planning Board and Energy Committee as a way to incorporate energy goals into master plan
- iii. "Canterbury Community Power Objectives" from p. 10 of template EAP – working group saw need for only limited changes, but most substantive was adding risk and liability statement making clear no risk to Town of Canterbury

b. Outreach group

- i. Kathy discusses first group meeting – goals and ideas for outreach group:
 - 1. Digital survey
 - 2. Town emails (weekly)
 - 3. Town website committee page for CCPC
 - a. Links
 - b. Minutes, agendas
 - c. Documents (FAQ's, handouts, etc)
 - d. Not interactive though
 - 4. Town Newsletter (monthly)
 - 5. Canterbury Facebook page – post here as well
- ii. Survey - Kelley
 - 1. Will circulate for comments
 - 2. Link can go in the Town Emails and Newsletter, post on Facebook page as well
 - 3. Hard copies also – library and store, can mail back to KLS address
 - 4. Kelley to determine best application/website to use
- iii. Tim – residents likely nervous re upcoming electric energy rate hikes
 - 1. Explain breakdown of info on electric bills
 - 2. Explain shopping for energy rates on NHPUC "Competitive Energy Suppliers" web page

3. Community action program – offers assistance to low/moderate income
4. Some anticipated questions re competitive energy suppliers:
 - a. What is the downside? Why *wouldn't* I do this?
 - b. “what if I already have a contract with third party suppliers”
 - c. Net Energy Metering rate 1 (credit for all energy charges) and NEM rate 2 (only get credit for 25% of distribution charge)
 - d. Only get credit for 25% of distribution charge
 - e. Will I get kicked off NEM 1 if I join?
 - f. Will we be able to compete with the third party suppliers?
5. People need to understand their options (they can compare)
6. It might make sense to get this foundational info out BEFORE our public hearing during week of 12/12 – a flyer and/or in place of the FAQ in town email/newsletter
7. PUC website also gives step-by-step information
8. There is no short/easy fix to the rate issue
 - a. But CPCNH provides the likelihood of shaving off a few cents per kwh
 - b. Long term – other opportunities for reducing and stabilizing rates
- iv. But Canterbury residents can learn some about what they can do NOW
- c. Kathy/Howard - weekly FAQ in town email and newsletters
 - i. Simplifying and clarifying template FAQs
 - ii. Using these weekly entries to consolidate for newsletters, posting on website
 - iii. Can potentially use survey results
 - iv. Need to simplify language in communications generally to make it interesting

V. Planning for rest of November

- a. Need to get on agenda for Planning Board November 15 – 15 minutes (John will add us)
 - i. Documents ready for Planning Board (drafting group)
 - ii. We are looking at quick turnaround for input from Planning Board
 - iii. November 29th – Planning Board 2nd meeting of month
 - iv. Energy committee meeting December 5
- b. Howard to work with Kathy re rest of November weekly emails
- c. Newsletter – December 15 is deadline for next issue
- d. Survey finalized by next full group meeting

VI. Next meetings

- a. Working groups will coordinate via email for now, no planned meetings
- b. Full Committee to meet in three weeks (November 30) due to Thanksgiving week

Adjourned at 830 PM

Next Meeting: November 30 at 7 PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary