CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 700 PM
Adjourned: 807PM

Committee Members in Attendance:
Kathy Doherty
Lenore Howe
Beth McGuinn
Tim Meeh
Howard Moffett, Chair
Kent Ruesswick
John Schneider
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:
N/A

Others in attendance:

I. All Minutes approved and posted since last full CCPC meeting on 12/27

a. 12/27 minutes were approved

II. Developments since 12/27/22 CCPC meeting

a. Survey:
   i. Survey was closed 1/6
   ii. Kathy and Kelley to discuss and post final survey results on CCPC website

b. Second public hearing on EAP 1/12 at Parish House
   i. Went well, good turnout, great questions from attendees

c. Final EAP was submitted to Select Board and PUC on 1/16, and posted on CCPC web page on Town website
   - Started 60-day clock for PUC approval as of 1/16
   - Had filing from NH Electric Co-op – no objections
   - That is 1 of 3 suppliers
   - Eversource has been an issue

d. Select Board approved EAP on 1/23 for submission to Town Meeting on 3/17

e. Discussed Clifton Below's 1/25 email to CPCNH Board representatives

i. **The CPCNH Board Chair summarized several critical developments that could delay the launch of the Wave 1 towns now scheduled for early April: Liberty Utilities (which serves five of the Wave 1 towns but not Canterbury) is in the midst of a software change affecting the contact information for all its customers, and Eversource (which does serve Canterbury) has declined to provide utility Supply Service agreements complying with the new Puc 2200 Rules, and declined to provide certain aggregate load information required by the rules, including a breakdown by rate class. CPCNH leadership is working on both problems, but the bottom line is that between them these issues could well delay the Wave 1 launch by a week or two—or even more. And it could affect Canterbury's timeline for launch, even though we're not among the Wave 1 towns.**

ii. Nashua has apparently changed their minds again and now want to launch in May instead of June (this would mean we could not piggyback on Nashua BUT if the 5 Wave 1 towns that are now delayed by Liberty can launch later, then maybe we could still be grouped together with them)

iii. We have made a lot of progress, what we have left is to get ready for 3/17 Town Meeting

iv. Ultimately, in the meantime, a lot of other stuff will be happening that we do not have much control over but that may impact the timing of our launch in 2023 or 2024

v. Portsmouth may be wanting to launch June 30

vi. There were 12 towns, now there are 9 in the first wave

vii. CPCNH board meeting from this morning was postponed due to the weather – we should learn more about the details then – moved to January 31

III. <u>Review of 1/24 Timeline Memo</u>

a. Committee reviewed timeline document

b. Slippage in CPCNH schedule for power procurement for "1st Wave Towns," and implications for launch of "1st Wave Towns" and "1.5 Wave 2023" launch for Canterbury

i. 2/1/23 item (CPCNH Risk Management Committee to meet to authorize power procurement for 1st wave towns) to be delayed 1-2 weeks (at least) due to issues explained in Cliff Below's email (above)

ii. 2/6/23 deadline for PUC comments/objections

iii. Domino effect will essentially delay the rest of February timeline

iv. Timeline will be a working document, that will be updated as we go along

v. Coalition member towns planning on 1st Wave Launch in early April

c. Uncertainty due to changing schedules for launch of Nashua (now May?), Portsmouth (June 30?), and possibly other (former) 1st Wave Towns

i. Discussed whether this could affect the rates available for power procurement.

a. It could, but it could help us too – power rates are coming down – Cliff Below

b. Uncertainty, but out of our control

IV. Initial Thoughts on Preparation for Town Meeting on March 17

a. Discussed plans for Town Meeting and strategies for presenting the warrant article to residents:
   i. Want to keep it simple – not nearly as much information as in the public hearings
   ii. Ruth Smith email to committee was on point
   iii. Compare this to something more common like a buying club (comparable to something like Sam's Club, for example)
   iv. People will not want to hear a lot of complicated information at the town meeting – need the basic primary points
   v. Handout probably make sense – could do ½ page or even less
   vi. Might want to fit in this after the firetruck (likely first), but might also want it separate from budget items so it is clear it is not a budget vote. At the end could be good, but will likely be losing people by then
   vii. Hopefully BOS will recommend the warrant article but don't want to speculate on whether member of BOS would speak in favor of the warrant article.
   viii. People really have been noticing the huge hikes in rates

V. Planning for Other Contingencies in February and March

a. Much depends on results of 1/31, 2/16, and 3/16 CPCNH Board Meetings
b. And also on whether EAP is adopted at Town Meeting and "deemed approved" by PUC as of March 17
c. Focus on what we can control in Canterbury, i.e. preparation for Town Meeting

VI. Miscellaneous

a. Discussion of how CPCNH will set rates for each utility and why
b. CPCNH did a great presentation on community power last night (1/25) - we should try to get this up on our website
   i. It is supposed to be posted on the CPCNH website
   ii. Great overview

Committee members to brainstorm ideas for presentation at Town Meeting

Adjourned at 8:07 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, at 7 PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary