

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex**

Opened: 700 PM

Adjourned: 7:58 PM

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:

N/A

I. Approval of 1/26/23 Draft Minutes

- a. 1/26 minutes were approved
- b. Moved: John
- c. Second: Kathy
- d. Approved: unanimous

II. Developments since 1/26/23 CCPC meeting

- a. Select Board
 - i. The warrant article was approved by selectboard 3-0 in 2/6/23 meeting
 - ii. Select Board posted EAP warrant article with 3-0 recommendation on 2/6/23
- b. PUC had a 21-day deadline to file any comments, objections to Canterbury's EAP on our docket DE 23-005
 - i. This deadline expired without any objections filed on 2/6/2023
 - ii. NHEC did file comment regarding its own regulatory obligations and stated it does not object to Canterbury's application
- c. CPCNH Board, Consultants, Committees deal with utility issues affecting scheduling of Launch for "1st Wave Towns"
 - i. Liberty's data reporting issues are affecting five first wave towns, but the towns are choosing to go forward because the rates are favorable
 - ii. Eversource had been ignoring requests – Calpine subsidiary is going to act as the Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS)

- iii. CPCNH are doing a great job navigating obstacles, creating solutions, and moving forward

III. Review of Tentative and Fluid Timelines for Launch of “1st” and Later 2023 Waves

- a. CPCNH schedule for power procurement for “1st Wave Towns,” and implications for launch of eight “1st Wave Towns,” five “Additional Towns,” and possibly Canterbury
 - i. 1st wave town group has dropped from original 12 down to 8, and they are now planning on launch in late April
 - ii. Reviewed excerpt from draft minutes of the CPCNH Member Operations Committee
 - iii. Discussed tentative timeline for the 1st wave towns
 - iv. Portsmouth is likely mid-late June; Nashua potentially May
 - v. Canterbury may be able to join with one or more of the five additional towns, or even go out separately for its own power procurement
 - vi. This is possible due to flexibility in the power procurement right now
- b. Next critical timeline steps that we need to focus on, if Town Meeting adopts the EAP on March 17
 - i. Selectboard (will be a newly elected Selectboard as of Town Meeting) will have to meet and approve CPCNH’s “3 R’s” policy (risk management, rates, reserves) and cost sharing agreement
 - ii. There will be 2 Selectboard meetings in April and it will be critical for a 2023 Canterbury launch to have the selectboard review and adopt the “3 R’s” policy and cost sharing agreement at the first April meeting if possible
 - iii. Someone from CCPC will want to attend the first Selectboard meeting after Town Meeting (in late March?) to discuss these documents and the timeline
 - iv. Current Selectboard has been provided with current copies of the “3 R’s policy and cost sharing agreements, but there will be a new Select Board member after town meeting

IV. Design Survey for Canterbury Community Power Logo (Kathy)

- a. Through CPCNH we can get our own CCPC logo for use on the Community Members section of the CPCNH website and in general to use for the CCPC
- b. Reviewed other community power committees’ logos developed for this purpose
- c. Discussed possible use of Canterbury town seal and process for getting the logo

V. Continuing Discussion of Preparation for Town Meeting on March 17

- a. Discussion of handout for Town Meeting
 - i. Discussed formatting
 - ii. Some people have not been able to review and want to provide notes
 - iii. Settled on quarter-size handout
 - iv. Kathy will send the current draft out with a deadline for submission of any changes
- b. Discussed oral presentation
 - i. Less is more
 - ii. Committee should think about who wants to present
- c. March Newsletter article
 - i. Should consider what we want to get in front of people before town meeting
 - ii. Maybe use the points from the handout
 - iii. Focus should be on voting “yes” at town meeting and why

Committee members to brainstorm ideas for presentation at Town Meeting

Adjourned at 7:58 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, at 7 PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary