

# **CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
Canterbury Municipal Complex**

Opened: 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 8:16 PM

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kathy Doherty  
Lenore Howe  
Beth McGuinn  
Howard Moffett, Chair  
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Tim Meeh  
Kent Ruesswick  
John Schneider

### **Others in Attendance:**

Suzie the dog

### **I. Approval of 2/8/23 Minutes**

- a. All present approved

### **II. Developments Since 2/8/23 Meeting**

- a. Discussed status of launch of 1<sup>st</sup> Wave Towns
  - i. Launch Line-up still in flux: now up from 8 to 10 municipalities in 1<sup>st</sup> Wave (more than previously expected)
  - ii. CPCNH Board Meeting of 2/21 focused on 1<sup>st</sup> Wave Towns' launch timetable:
    - 2/28 Continued Board Meeting to authorize power procurement by Ascend Coalition sends notice to utilities of service commencement in 45+ days
    - 3/2 Ascend negotiates & executes hedge transactions (as early as Thursday next week)
    - 3/3 CPCNH Finance & Risk Management Committees meet to recommend rates (trying to schedule back to back meetings for these committees); Finance Committee recommends parameters based on RRR policy, then Risk Management Committee reviews and they jointly make a recommendation to the CPCNH Board
    - 3/6 CPCNH Board meets to set Community Power rates available to 1<sup>st</sup> Wave Towns
    - 3/7 CPCNH holds Press Conference to publicize 1<sup>st</sup> Wave launch, rates

- iii. Presumptive launch date appears to be 4/22 for 1<sup>st</sup> wave towns, if this schedule holds
  - 1. Impressive how they have stayed on track and quickly and creatively solved/overcome issues as they come up
- b. CPCNH Member Operations Committee announced “.gov” URL authorized for use by Community Power municipalities—e.g., “Canterbury.CommunityPowerNH.gov”
  - i. Towns will likely have sites of their own – we might want to consider setting up the URL
  - ii. Community Power NH is trademarked
  - iii. Would have to consider how people will be directed there
  - iv. CPCNH would have to be setting up and maintaining the site itself
  - v. CPCNH is also handling the notification process to residents
- c. Discussed upcoming CPCNH meetings

### **III. Next Steps for Canterbury Community Power**

- a. Discussed re-arranging working groups and responsibilities after Town Meeting
- b. Planning for March 17 Town Meeting: Kathy
  - i. Hand out status and next steps:
    - 1. Sent a draft to Beth Blair for making a prototype for our review
    - 2. Have a logo in process that we may or may not have in time for printing, and the final text still may change
    - 3. Making sure they are distinct from Farmer’s Market handout so they aren’t mixed up
    - 4. Hopefully we can have final draft by March 6-8<sup>th</sup> to leave time to print
    - 5. If there is updated news after print, we can include in the presentation at Town Meeting
  - ii. Oral presentation(s) at Town Meeting
    - 1. Should be short and direct
    - 2. Maybe have a few people available to discuss
    - 3. Still sorting out who will speak
  - iii. Other planning for March 17: ask Select Board member(s) to speak?
    - 1. Could be good to have the selectboard member(s) speak
- c. Post-Town Meeting
  - i. Upcoming Dates:
    - 3/18: CCPC or Coalition notifies utilities of commencement of service in 45+ days, requests customer data (anonymized and customer-specific for notifications)
    - 3/31: CCPC should have access information for DOE’s “shopping comparison” website, to enable posting of comparative rates for Canterbury residents
    - 4/2: CCPC should have customer-specific contact information from utilities, to enable 30-day enrollment notifications to Canterbury residents

4/3: Select Board's first April meeting: review & approve "3 R's policy" and Cost Sharing Agreement

4/12: CPCNH Risk Management Committee convenes to authorize power procurement for Canterbury and other 2023 launch towns

- ii. CCPC will hold a public meeting within 15 days after notification/enrollment notice goes out
  - 1. This meeting will probably be more of a Q&A
  - 2. Explain to residents how enrolling, opting in, and opting out work
  - 3. Some will get an opt-in notice (default is opt-out) – default opt-outs are those residents that the default rate for community power is not the same or better than that resident's current rate (these are likely to be only NH Electric Co-op, net-metered residents, and residents that have purchased a 3<sup>rd</sup> party competitive provider)
  - 4. Others will get an opt-out notice (default is opt-in) – default opt-ins are those that the default rate for community power is the same or better than that resident's current rate
- iii. Discussed other opportunities/responsibilities CCPC will have after Town Meeting

#### **IV. Other Business and Adjournment**

- a. Discussion of rate setting and how that will work
  - i. We should know more about this next week as the 1<sup>st</sup> wave towns progress
- b. Discussion of net metering
  - i. In addition to trying to negotiate service agreements with CPCNH
  - ii. Eversource has also declined to provide the data required to be able to provide net metering service at or better than the current utility is providing
  - iii. CPCNH might have to go back to PUC to say that Eversource is not complying with obligations under the statute/rules
  - iv. As it stands now, net metered residents will be defaulted to opt-out because they cannot be sure it will be better or the same without the relevant data
  - v. **CPCNH will not put anyone at an economic disadvantage as a default**
    - 1. Will need to make this clear in town meeting – this question is likely to come up, and it will be important to explain that community power/CPCNH will not disadvantage anyone as a default

Adjourned: 8:16 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 13 (tentative), at 7 PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

*Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary*