

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Monday, March 13, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 7:05 PM

Adjourned: 8:32 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy Doherty
Lenore Howe
Beth McGuinn (remotely)
Howard Moffett, Chair
Kent Ruesswick
John Schneider
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

Tim Meeh

Others in attendance:

N/A

I. Approval of 2/22/23 Draft Minutes

- a. 2/22 minutes were approved

II. Developments since 2/22/23 CCPC meeting

- a. Status Update on CEO search
 - a. Over 100 applicants, narrowed down to 3 finalists
 - b. Interviews for 3 finalists were conducted via zoom this morning
- b. Community Power Rates for Spring 2023, set by the CPCNH Board of Directors
 - a. Exciting announcement today about the Community Power Rates for Spring 2023 – the rates are significantly lower than existing rates for Until and Eversource
 - b. The Community Power base rates will be the same for Until and Eversource customers
 - c. All three regulated utilities will moove to the same 6-month rate period beginning in August (i.e. August-January and February-July)
 - i. Because of the delay in getting data regarding net metering, etc., the first wave towns will not be able to launch until May
 - ii. Means that first wave communities have lost the benefit of the first month of better rates
 - iii. This will likely make the differential in rates less, as of August

- d. CPCNH will still be lower, but perhaps not by as much of a margin
 - e. CPCNH will be able to buy whenever advantageous – not just every 6 months like the regulated utilities – although CPCNH will also be monitoring at that time to make sure our rates are better
 - f. Announcement was at 3pm today
 - g. Net metering – it might still be advantageous to opt-in to Community Power for those PV solar customer-generators who generally do not produce enough of their own energy that they have surplus power to export to the grid – this is an ongoing discussion
- c. Overview of Launch Schedule and Activities for 1st Wave Towns
- a. 10 first wave towns: Lebanon, Hanover, Enfield, Plainfield, and Walpole in the Connecticut Valley; Peterborough and Harrisville in western NH; Exeter and Rye on the Seacoast; and the City of Nashua
 - b. Now project they will launch in early May
 - c. All those towns will have public information sessions, CPCNH is handling all the correspondence to residents
 - d. It will continue to be useful for us to monitor what the first wave is doing

III. Preparation for Town Meeting on March 17

- a. Finalizing new Canterbury Community Power Logo
 - a. Went with Draft #3
 - b. There is a .jpeg of the logo that we can use if we do not have the final in time for the Town Meeting flyer
- b. Finalizing the Town Meeting Hand-out
 - a. Discussed language and made revisions
- c. Speaking roles for CCPC members
 - a. Discussed who may want to present
 - b. Howard will introduce those presenting
 - c. Kent and maybe Bob Steenson will speak
 - d. Beth will discuss how this will impact net-metering residents
- d. Anticipating questions from voters
 - a. Net-metering?
 - b. Why do I have to opt out?
 - c. Is the town/taxpayer paying?
 - d. How much is this costing us?
 - e. How do I opt in/opt out?
 - f. Who do I call if I have an issue?
- e. Other Town Meeting prep/ideas
 - a. Focus on it being a not-for-profit

- b. Improvement in base rates for average residents who don't have time, energy, or interest in "shopping" for competitive energy rates
- c. Gives people a choice
- d. Only a \$500 budget item for CPCNH in town budget (total cost to date has been less than \$250) - and this is likely only time we need to have a budget at all

IV. Looking Ahead

- a. Select Board Schedule following Town Meeting
 - a. After Town Meeting, there will be a new Select Board
 - b. Meeting on Monday, March 20 and Monday, April 3
- b. Critical Meeting with Select Board on CPCNH "3 R's Policies" and Cost Sharing Agreement
 - a. Plan to discuss with the board on Monday April 3
 - b. Need them to approve this to move forward on a June 2023 launch
- c. Remaining Schedule for launch in June
 - a. CPCNH will prepare letter to residents – we will review and approve the letter, but CPCNH does most of the work
 - b. Schedule public information session
 - c. Enrollment notices will go out in late April
 - d. Goal is to launch June 1

Adjourned at 8:32 PM

Town Meeting, Friday, March 17 at 7 PM at the Canterbury Elementary School

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5 at 7PM (tentative) at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary