

Energy Committee Meeting

January 9, 2023

Members present: Howard Moffett, Fred Portnoy, Jeff Beltramo, Claudia Leidinger, Beth McGwinn, Sandy Hodsdon and Ruth Heath as an alternate. Kent Ruesswick was the selectboard representative.

The meeting began at 7:05PM in the Library Meeting room.

Our agenda included:

1. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
2. Community Power Update with survey results
3. Agrivoltaic Webinar
4. Year end Summary
5. Project Prioritization

1. Minutes from the December meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

2. Howard spoke about the CCPC and the work being done by the committee. The most important work at the moment is preparing a public hearing on January 12, 2023. Howard said there was a very slim, remote chance that CCC could launch in 2023 instead of 2024, Nashua is not yet ready for an April/May launch. They are considering hiring a broker instead of going through the coalition, If Nashua does decide to go with the coalition, Canterbury could piggyback with Nashua for a later launch in 2023. If this is to happen, all plans need to be into the PUC by February 4, 2023. If the deadline is met and the selectboard expedites the final aggregation plan and Nashua goes with the coalition plan, then CCP might launch this spring. There are a lot of ifs for this to take place.

Howard reported that Peterborough had decided to go with the coalition instead of a private broker because of cost.

The CCPC is having problems with Eversource refusing to sort electrical data from Canterbury into residential and commercial rates. Eversource says they have 449 residential customers and no commercial customers which is incorrect. They are required to provide the correct numbers.

Canterbury was reported to have 31 streetlights serviced by UNITIL.

The CCPC had a survey posted online and in the Canterbury store and library. There were 104 respondents online and 14 paper copies submitted to the CCPC. The results were mixed with most respondents interested in community power,

3. Jeff posted information about a series of Webinars we could attend. He reported on an Agrivoltaics webinar he attended. Most of these systems are very large (25 megawatts) and would not be suitable for Canterbury. But there were interesting questions raised about farming under solar panels and how to find suitable land that would work (Google Maps, GIS).

4. Jeff went over what he would say for the year end summary for the town report. He will share the finished product on line before submitting the report.

5. Jeff will prepare a Google doc to poll members about possible projects to go forward with for the following year. These projects could include:

- Municipal solar
- Town solar panel maintenance
- Public Education
- Charging Station
- Streetlight conversion to LED
- Increased LED's in Town Buildings

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. Our next meeting will be February 6, 2023 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, by Claudia Leidinger, Secretary.