

Town of Hopkinton, NH - Community Power Committee

Public Meeting Date: October 26, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Steve Eckberg (Acting Chair), Jack Ruderman, Sharon Nall, Ken Traum in person. Lynn Durand and Mark Zankel by phone (Mark Z left meeting at 7:00 pm).

Meeting Commenced: 6:45 pm

- I. **Call to order** – Sharon Nall assigned as note taker.
- II. **Review of September 28, 2023 meeting minutes** – Based on committee review of minutes, errors in utility summary data were identified and corrected. Jack R will correct the minutes as discussed and will send them to Neal Cass for publication on the website. Sharon moved; Ken seconded; Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes as revised.

Review of Aug 10, 2023 meeting minutes – Need to correct spelling of Steve Eckberg’s name. Jack moved, Ken seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes as revised.

III. **Business Items**

- i. **Update from CPCNH Membership Meeting - Ken**
The CPCNH committee approved the development/charter of a Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee to help provide a more rapid response to issues that may arise from the PUC or legislature. More information available at www.CPCNH.org All meetings are open to the public. Mark Zankel is the primary member for Hopkinton with Ken Traum as back up. To date there are 45 member communities and one member county working with CPCNH.
- ii. **Energy Aggregation Plan Development**
Began reviewing goals included in draft plan. Following significant discussion, Sharon offered to draft small clarifications to the goals/descriptions for consideration by the committee. The committee agreed to add a goal about “Freedom to Choose” to describe opt out/opt in options. Jack offered to review the Hopkinton Master Plan to see if there are applicable policy goals that we should incorporate into the Energy Aggregation Plan.
- iii. **Public Hearing Schedule Update/Location**
The initial public hearing will be held Dec 4 at 6:00 PM in the Hopkinton Library Community Room. The second hearing will be Jan 11 at 6:00 PM at the same location.
- iv. **Community Outreach Updates**
Discussed Sharon’s draft “What is Community Power”. Ken will continue to edit and will pass his edits to Steve. Discussed informational “blurbs” to send to Susan Covert for her community email. Sharon offered to draft 3-4 blurbs for publication to inform residents as well and notify them of the public hearings scheduled. Agreed to publish information on Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 1 and Dec 4. This information can also be published on the

Town website and the Town Facebook page. Sharon will send drafts to Steve and/or Ken for editing/review.

Sharon will continue to try to reach Discover Contoocook business members to brief them on the upcoming public hearings and warrant article.

The committee reviewed a survey that Newport did and opted not to send out a survey to Hopkinton residents/businesses at this time.

We agreed to discuss further outreach needs prior to voting on the Community Power warrant article in March 2024.

Mark is giving a Community Power presentation to Rotary on November 15.

v. Hopkinton Community Power Logo

Committee agreed to use the existing town seal. We still need to review logos from other communities to see if we want to add wording or graphics around the outside of the existing town seal.

IV. Public Comment:

V. Other: The Community Power Committee will hold a meeting at the Slusser Center on November 15 at 8:30 am to discuss preparations for the upcoming public hearings.

VI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ken, Jack seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.