

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Canterbury Municipal Complex**

Opened: 7:15 PM

Adjourned: 8:17 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe

Tim Meeh

Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Howard Moffett, Chair

John Schneider

Ben Stonebraker

Committee Members Absent:

Scott Doherty

Beth McGuinn

Others in attendance:

N/A

I. Recap of new Community Power Rates set on 12/28, effective 2/1 – 7/31

- a. New rates set on 12/28/2023 will be effective 2/1/2024-7/31/2024
- b. CPCNH's Granite Basic (Canterbury's default rate) is again the lowest of any available in the state
- c. Canterbury's default is the Granite Basic rate at 8.1
- d. Discussed factors for lower rates

II. Discussed status of ongoing dispute with Eversource regarding net metering credit for surplus sales to grid

- a. Still ongoing – they have acknowledged they have an obligation under law to provide individual data of surplus sales to grid – remaining issue is that they do not have the ability to provide that (need to hire more people, technology, etc.); hope is that it will be resolved (by PUC order or settlement agreement) before the end of this 6 month period

III. Discussed HB 1398, regarding “utility recovery of costs associated with net energy metering”

- a. Provides that utilities and only utilities can recover the cost of providing net-metered services to customers
- b. Passage of this bill would prevent CPCNH from providing net metering

IV. Discussed ongoing research/conversations regarding Federal funding for local energy projects

- a. Update from Lenore
- b. Looking for land for possible solar site
- c. Federal funding from Department of Energy – competition for towns to apply for funding for all kinds of projects including energy-related – preapplication due in March (would have to describe the project in detail) - if a lot required may be better off waiting
- d. These come up in short timeframes, and it is difficult to get what is needed ready in the short amount of time – CCPC should try to decide what projects are a priority and what steps we can take to be ready when opportunities arise
- e. Discussed that in next meeting we can discuss the planning process – what do we want to do, where we’re headed
- f. CPCNH will be hiring a Project Director – this will be a good contact to seek advice and expertise on these issues (could also help us team up with other towns)

V. Discussed working groups, potential future projects for CCPC

- a. Discussed what the CCPC working groups were originally intended to do – likely not useful anymore and we should re-organize
- b. Discussed opportunities for funding for electric town vehicles; discussed potential opportunities to improve cell phone service in town

VI. Discussed potential rescheduling of Beth’s presentation on siting of solar generation projects – will revisit next meeting

VII. CCPC’s submission for 2023 Annual Town Report (due January 18)

- a. Howard will distribute a draft during the day on January 10
- b. CCPC members should provide any notes to Howard before the January 18 deadline

VIII. Miscellaneous/Other Business

- a. Discussed recent press coverage of solar (net metering) and Lebanon pilot project – 100 people, 2MW power Tesla batteries in homes, “distributed power plant”
- b. Discussed status of solar credits issue
- c. Discussed ideas for future possibility of Granite Plus as default for Canterbury
- d. Reserve funds discussion

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary