

1 2025_06_11_DRAFT MINUTES_Canterbury Community Power Committee

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3 Meeting opened at 7:03pm

4 Present: Fred Portnoy (CCPC member), Beth Blair (BOS Rep), Beth McGuinn and Edgar Rivera
5 (CPCNH Reps); Absent: Tim Meeh (CCPC member).

6 For this meeting, Beth Blair is acting as secretary.

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8 **UPDATE: Appointments of new reps to CPCNH**

9 Edgar Rivera and Beth McGuinn have previously agreed to be the representatives from Canterbury to
10 Community Power Coalition New Hampshire (CPCNH). The BOS has appointed them to this position and
11 will be signing their appointment slips at the next BOS meeting, June 16. Much appreciation was expressed
12 for Beth and Edgar to step up and accept these appointments.

13 Beth and Edgar both attended, via Zoom, the CPCNH meeting on June 6 which was an outline of how the
14 rate-setting process works.

15 There is an upcoming CPCNH meeting on June 23 to start the rate-setting setting process for the next 6-
16 month period. Reps need to attend to get the current rate-setting data. If Canterbury does not send a rep,
17 we get no choice in our rates for the next period, we simply retain the rates we chose for the previous
18 period. If we do attend the June 23rd meeting, we have the opportunity to change our rates. Both Edgar and
19 Beth will be attending the meeting on June 23.

20 The BOS must vote on setting rates for the Town between June 23 and June 25.

21 However, BOS meets on the June 16, and not again until June 30. In order that the Town can meet the rate-
22 setting deadline, Beth McGuinn will draft proposed rates for the BOS to consider based on “if this, then
23 that...” scenarios using the most current Unitil and Eversource rates. These scenarios should allow the
24 BOS to decide if they want to set the Canterbury Basic default rate to include what is known as an “addor”
25 (additional sum on top of the electric rate that can be collected in a special account for future Town energy
26 projects).

27 Question: Has the Town received the \$4,000 (actual amount?) from the original rate period where
28 Canterbury Basic rate included an adder? Beth Blair will check.

29 Both Edgar and Beth McGuinn will attend the next BOS meeting on June 16 at 6pm. They will present a good
30 idea of the rates the BOS will vote on. If something unexpected happens between June 23 and the 25 that
31 effects the rates, they will reach out to Ken Folsom who will contact BOS. But Beth and Edgar are fairly sure
32 there will be enough information available to make a decision at the BOS meeting of June 16

33 Beth McGuinn has asked CPCNH to weigh in on whether an “addor” can be offered to all the rates offered,
34 and not just the Canterbury Basic rate. Currently, if a resident opts UP a level to support more renewable
35 energy, that rate does not include the addor. Beth is hopeful to hear back from CPCNH by June 16.

36 Edgar has shared links to Beth McGuinn to the YouTube videos he has posted of previous meetings where
37 Canterbury Community Power made presentations to the BOS and discussions were had about setting
38 rates. All present thought this was a good way to help Edgar and Beth learn from the experience of past
39 CCPC reps and get a sense of a good way to present the choices.

40 Currently the rates offered to Canterbury residents (from least to most expensive) are Granite Basic
41 (no addor); Canterbury Basic (granite basic + addor); 33%, 50%, or 100% renewable energy (no
42 addor).

43 Beth McGuinn attended short orientation with Andrew Hatch (engagement Manager at CPCNH) for new
44 town reps. Andrew will do the same with Edgar. Andrew Hatch would have attended the CCPC tonight
45 except he had a conflict.

46 NOTE: Original agreement with CPCNH and Canterbury had Howard Moffet and Ken Folsom as Principal
47 Executive Officer and Authorized Office for Canterbury. The PEO and AO are different from the reps. This
48 information comes after a discussion between Andrew Hatch and the Town on June 6. This topic will be
49 discussed further on June 16 to see if it is appropriate that Ken Folsom is both Principal Exec. Offer and
50 Authorized Office for Canterbury to CPCNH. (Howard Moffett is no longer a Canterbury resident.)

51 **Future projects and Purpose of Canterbury Community Power Committee**

52 Edgar read through the EAP (Electric Aggregation Plan) which is the plan of Canterbury’s relationship to
53 CPCNH, and Canterbury’s responsibilities for setting Town electricity rates. He was concerned about the
54 possibility of there being no CCPC (being that there are currently just 2 members), yet the EAP states “The
55 Canterbury Community Power Committee was tasked by the Select Board to prepare this Electric
56 Aggregation Plan (EAP), which sets forth Canterbury’s policy goals for our Community Power program,
57 summarizes program governance and implementation processes, and commits Canterbury Community
58 Power to comply with applicable statutes and regulations...”

59 Beth McGuinn had a similar concern and asked Andrew Hatch if there are towns in NH that just have reps,
60 but no Community Power Committee. Yes, but there are some, but it is the norm that there is a community
61 power committee to talk with the reps and decide which other CPCNH projects might benefit the Town,
62 and to support the founding goals of Canterbury Community Power (see EAP, pages 17-18).

63 While the original and most labor intensive part of CCPC’s mission has been met (initial education of
64 residents and Town, successful vote at Town Meeting to join CPCNH, starting the process of rate-setting
65 so as to be able to offer lower default energy rates compared to Unitil and Eversource) there are now long
66 term projects to consider.

67 For reference, here is a link to Canterbury Community Power ‘s EAP:
68 <https://www.canterburynh.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/CCPC-Electric-Aggregation-Plan.pdf>

69 Fred questions why CCPC and Canterbury Energy Committee are separate. He wonders if it wouldn't be
70 better for them to join and become one committee. Beth McGuinn does not agree and says the Energy
71 Committee has enough on its plate. Beth Blair says at a recent meeting of the Energy Committee the topic
72 was discussed, and the Committee was firm in their opinion that they wanted to remain separate from
73 CCPC.

74 Edgar believes that an important purpose of the CCPC is to educate Canterbury residents, especially
75 new-to-town, about the rate options, and to encourage residents to participate in the ability to opt-up to
76 rates that support renewable energy and to choose a rate that includes the "add-on" (if it is different from
77 the default rate set for the entire Town) so the town can accrue funds to be used for future energy projects.

78 Discussion followed about different ways that CCPC could achieve this educational goal (Town Website,
79 newsletter, Email, presentations at town gatherings, etc.), and this goal could be achieved by a small
80 CCPC, but that 2 members was probably too small.

81 **Committee Membership**

82 Discussion followed about how to attract more members to the CCPC. Those attending will think about
83 possible candidates, and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

84 It was expressed by those present that there is a need for enough members to provide for a Chair/Co-chair
85 and an official Secretary to the committee, as well as support an educational outreach goal, become
86 familiar with the upcoming projects of CPCNH, and be able to suggest to the BOS those projects which
87 might be a good for Canterbury to participate in.

88 Eventually, should the town collect any sizeable money from the "add-on," the CCPC could advise on
89 energy projects for the Town that could be funded from that account.

90 Beth McGuinn and Edgar asked that they be appointed as members of the CCPC, as well as being the reps
91 to CPCNH. Beth Blair will bring this request to the BOS at their next meeting.

92 The next regularly scheduled meeting of CCPC is July 9, 7 pm, Meeting House. At this time, Beth Blair is still
93 acting as secretary and will prepare the agenda for the next meeting.

94 Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm