

1 Canterbury Community Power Committee  
2 DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
3 Date: June 10, 2026, Meeting House  
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5 **Time: Meeting opened at 7:05 PM**  
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7 **Approval of Previous Minutes (May 13, 2026):**

- 8 • One amendment was proposed:
  - 9 • Addition of discussion regarding the creation of an Excel spreadsheet comparing rates (line  
10 9).
  - 11 • No further corrections were noted.
  - 12 • Minutes approved by all as amended.
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14 **Rate Setting:**

15 Discussion and vote on the recommended rate structure and default rate policy in preparation for  
16 the Selectboard Meeting June 15. The committee reviewed the previously adopted rate structure  
17 framework. The Canterbury Basic rate will be the default rate only if the CPCNH Granite Basic rate  
18 is below the utility default rate.

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20 If this condition is met:

- 21 • Canterbury Basic may include an adder above Granite Basic (previously 1–4 mills).
  - 22 • Customers retain the ability to:
  - 23 • Opt down to Granite Basic or Opt up if they choose to.
  - 24 • The committee reaffirmed that if CPCNH rates are higher than utility rates, Canterbury  
25 Basic will not be used as the default.
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27 Note:

- 28 • Utility rates for the next rate period have not yet been finalized.
  - 29 • CPCNH is in the process of setting rates based on cost of service and are not waiting to see  
30 what the utility rates are.
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32 Here is the wording from the last vote on rate setting (for the rate period starting Feb. 1, 2026):  
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34 Canterbury Community Power will adopt the Canterbury Basic Rate as its default rate only  
35 if the Granite Basic Rate, set by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire  
36 (CPCNH) at its upcoming December 18, 2025 board meeting, is below the utility default  
37 supply rate. Under that condition, the Canterbury Basic Rate will equal the Granite Basic  
38 Rate plus an adder that is the greatest of 1-4 mils above the Granite Basic Rate, so long as  
39 the Canterbury Basic Rate remains below the utility default supply rate. Customers will be  
40 able to opt down to the Granite Basic Rate set by CPCNH.

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42 Canterbury Community Power will adopt the Granite Basic Rate, set as described above, as  
43 its default rate if the Granite Basic Rate is higher than or equal to the default utility supply  
44 rate. Under that circumstance, customers will be able to opt up to the Canterbury Basic  
45 Rate with a rate 2 mils above the Granite Basic Rate.  
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47 We understand that it may be possible for the default rate for customers of one utility  
48 (Eversource or Unitil) to be Granite Basic and the default rate for customers of the other  
49 utility to be Canterbury Basic.

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51 Timeline for rate setting
- 52 • June 15: Select Board review.
  - 53 • June 24: CPCNH rate-setting meeting.
  - 54 • June 29: Deadline to notify CPCNH of town’s selection.
  - 55 • Final rates expected shortly after the CPCNH meeting.
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### 58 **Proposal: Increase Adder Range**

59 Beth McG proposes increasing the allowable adder range up from 1–4 mils to 1–7 mils above  
60 Granite Basic. Here is the revision to the vote with proposed revisions highlighted:

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62 **The Selectboard authorizes** Canterbury Community Power to adopt the Canterbury Basic  
63 Rate as its default rate only if the Granite Basic Rate, set by the Community Power Coalition  
64 of New Hampshire (CPCNH) at its upcoming **June 26, 2026** board meeting, is below the  
65 utility default supply rate. Under that condition, the Canterbury Basic Rate will equal the  
66 Granite Basic Rate plus an adder that is the greatest of **1-7** mils above the Granite Basic  
67 Rate, so long as the Canterbury Basic Rate remains below the utility default supply rate.  
68 Customers will be able to opt down to the Granite Basic Rate set by CPCNH.

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71 its default rate if the Granite Basic Rate is higher than or equal to the default utility supply  
72 rate. Under that circumstance, customers will be able to opt up to the Canterbury Basic  
73 Rate with a rate 2 mils above the Granite Basic Rate.

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76 (Eversource or Unitil) to be Granite Basic and the default rate for customers of the other  
77 utility to be Canterbury Basic.

### 78 79 Reasons for the proposal:

- 80 • Funds generated for the 6 months that Canterbury Basic was the Town default (~\$5,000)  
81 were considered modest.
  - 82 • Larger municipalities have generated significantly higher funds by having a higher adder  
83 rate.
  - 84 • Additional revenue could support local energy projects (e.g., library heat pumps).
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86 Discussion followed: Is the timing for this proposal good considering that CPCNH rates are still  
87 higher than the utilities?

- 88 • Will float it to the BOS, but Beth B. feels timing isn’t good while CPCNH rates are still higher.
- 89 • Beth B. has the sense that, while supporting local projects is admirable, this may not be the  
90 best time. Community Power rates are still higher than utility rates and increasing the adder  
91 could create the perception that we're asking customers to pay even more when costs are  
92 already elevated.

- 93 • The customers who have chosen Canterbury's higher-level options have already  
94 demonstrated a willingness to pay more to support local goals. However, that group is  
95 small, and raising the adder won't generate significant additional revenue.
- 96 • It may make more sense to leave the adder at 2 mils for now and wait until rates stabilize  
97 and Community Power is once again consistently below utility rates. At that point, we can  
98 revisit the discussion with a clearer understanding of utilities pricing going forward.  
99 Meanwhile, if the town has projects it wants to fund, we can look to the existing ~\$5,000  
100 funds and other funding sources rather than adding complexity to the program.
- 101 • Beth B. recommendation would be to leave the adder at 2 mils for now and revisit the issue  
102 later.
- 103 • Beth M. proposed tabling the proposal, Tim Seconded, all agree to wait on increasing the  
104 adder.
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106 Consensus:

- 107 • Do not pursue an increase in the adder at this time.
- 108 • Maintain the current Canterbury Basic adder (~2 mils) due to concerns about timing,  
109 optics, and ongoing uncertainty about utility rates.

110 Follow-Up

111 Beth McG. will:

- 112 • Circulate the original vote language and proposed revisions.
- 113 • Survey residents currently opting into Canterbury Basic regarding potential adder  
114 increases.
- 115 • Committee members will:

116 The Committee will:

- 117 • Develop ideas for future energy projects.
- 118 • Propose questions to engage community participation.

119 **CPCNH Reports and Updates**

120 Beth McG.:

- 121 • Bill has been passed (waiting to be signed) to no longer need a vote at town meeting to  
122 accept funds generated from the adder. Will still have to vote to expend.
- 123 • Bill effecting Net metering changes: Approved projects retain a 20-year term. New projects  
124 are limited to approximately 14 years.
- 125 • Transactive Energy program (putting meters on you panel to see your use) still has  
126 opportunities to participate and has widened participation to Eversource customers.
- 127 • CPCNH buying RECs from all kinds of sources to satisfy renewable energy requirements.  
128 Just bought RECs from Bedford's capped landfill solar project.
- 129 • Poverty Plains solar project still waiting for Eversource to set the poles
- 130 • Peak shaving program has been approved by CPCNH Board. Not active yet. First draft of  
131 website and email done, but probably won't go online until July (after beta testing)

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- 133 • Audit committee hasn't met yet. Will be next month, after rates are set.
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**UPDATE: How to Sell RECs to CPCNH**

Tim Meeh trying to change how he sells his RECs. He has to send his numbers to an organization to verify that his numbers are correct. Then they forward to company who pays. (the Aggregator and Verifier.)

- Tim volunteers to write up a step by step.
- Beth B. will be the guinea pig to see if she can figure out how to do it.
- When the step-by-step is proven to work, the committee will share the process with the other residents who signed up for the 2019 Solarize Canterbury event and who also may not know about selling their RECs.

**Community Outreach and Engagement**

- Discussion about “Bring Your Bill” sessions at the local farmer’s market, share booth with WindowDressers.
- Potential collaboration with other Community Power groups.
- Plan to include an explanation of upcoming rate changes in the September town newsletter.
- Future listening sessions tentatively planned for early April, depending on rate changes.

**Committee Operations and Membership:**

The committee identified a need for additional members and a need to decide on dedicated roles for chair and secretary. BOS rep should not be fulfilling both these roles.

Discussion highlighted:

- Reduced participation following program implementation.
- Importance of identifying tangible projects to attract interest.
- Strategies for Recruitment
- Solicit community ideas for energy projects.
- Collaborate with the Energy Committee.
- Share clear, concise messaging about committee purpose and impact.

**Future Planning:**

Each member is tasked with:

- Proposing one potential energy project.
- Developing one question to engage residents and encourage participation.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.** Motion to Adjourn by Fred. Seconded by Tim. Approved by all

*Minutes prepared by Beth Blair.*