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Canterbury Community Power Committee 7/8/26 DRAFT MINUTES

Called to order 7:21 PM.

Tim Meeh, Edgar Rivera, Fred Portnoy, Beth McGuinn,
Beth Blair BOS rep

Tim volunteered to be Chair for a year; not go to CPCNH meetings but will function as chair of CCPC. Beth M proposed, Edgar 2nd, Tim chosen as chair.
Fred volunteered to act as Secretary.

Committee discussed that each town committee can post to the town website. Beth M may take on that role.

AGENDA

June Minutes

Clarification was need on the question of recommending a 7 mils enhanced adder or not. The minutes were corrected to show that Beth M. proposed tabling the proposal to increase the 2 mils for those opting up to Canterbury Basic in line 73, Tim Seconded, all agree to wait on increasing that adder until the electric rate environment had stabilized.

Tim proposed accept the minutes as amended. Edgar seconded. The June minutes were accepted.

RATES & UPDATES

Beth M. reported that CPCNH has hired a Finance Director & Power Operations Director. As a result a reorganization of duties and personnel has occurred. The previous 'special projects' person [Mark ?] is no longer there and special projects are being handled by others. The organization is focused on competitive pricing.

Edgar reported that the rates chart is now organized into supply classes based on usage instead of individual rates. Utilities rates are being kept low in part by decisions of the PUC. Utilities need to recover past shortage over longer period. Beth M. said Eversource presented rate reflecting actual costs but PUC got them to stretch it out over longer period, thus reducing their rate.

CPCNH working on reducing their internal adder, used to build their internal reserve, to .669. CPCNH is still dedicated to setting rates based on actual cost of providing power, and building up a reserve. Cost of buying power vs. cost of power delivered is not an exact equivalence due to distribution line losses.

Community Power rates are still higher than utilities' default rates; go to Canterbury Community Power Website to see Canterbury Basic is just a little higher than Granite Basic. Using 650 kWh/mo. we get \$120. annually from those who opted up. [Current rates are listed at <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/customers/residential-rates>. -fp]

CPCNH's presence at the PUC allows them to take the role of exposing information to the PUC relative to rate setting procedures of utilities.

FUTURE PROJECTS / USE OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Beth M.: Cover all Canterbury town buildings with solar.

Edgar asked relative advantages of roof mount vs. ground mount. When it comes to the town, ground or roof?

Beth B. mention contributing to the Library HVAC project.

Mention of Unitil on-bill funding for heat pumps.

Energy Committee is planning on Eversource presentation re: batteries. EV's are not bidirectional in practical terms yet. Is there a video of the previous battery presentation?

Edgar: Canterbury Municipal buildings becoming fully solar as a step leading to Canterbury having it's own power townwide.

BOS is looking at dealing with Municipal Ctr Roof for repair & possible solar.

Revision (and other solar companies) may now choose to offer service on legacy solar systems installed by others.

Tim to contact Jim Snyder re: his involvement with existing town solar.

Tim: Average annual wind speed in our area is low re: wind generation.

Energy Committee working on new energy audit for the Municipal Building.

Beth M: Future funds from adder as available could be used to help residents weatherize, solarize, etc.

NEW MEMBERS?

Some have been approached or suggested but there have been no takers as yet.

RECs

Tim sent proposed steps to register RECs with CPCNH to Beth B & she will attempt and evaluate the steps. Beth M also. It is on our wheelhouse to have people send their RECs to CPCNH. Beth ? got a list of solarize participants from Ruth Heath. May be able to get additional contact info from 603 Solar. Edgar asked does selling RECs impact ability to get tax advantage of solar? Beth M: When you sell your RECs you can no longer say you are on renewable, you have sold that right with the RECs. CPCNH's ability to sell their 100% renewable product is partly due to their buying RECs. Most solar projects wouldn't be financially viable without RECs. After Beth and Beth report back CCPC may reach out to other Canterbury net metering customers to sell RECs to CPCNH. Tim got back lost RECs. thanks to Paul Button & the guy from CPCNH.

Next Mtng: 8/12.

Motion to adjourn accepted; 9:03pm.