

## CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

February 28, 2024  
Municipal Complex

### Notes

**Attending:** Howard Moffett, Lenore Howe, Kent Russwick, John Schneider

Notetaker: Beth on her Phone

Minutes of 1/10/24 meeting? No minutes available from last month's meeting.

Need someone to do publicity for ccpc

7:10 Developments since 1/10/24

--Community Power Rates from February-July will appear on March bills  
.081/ kwh

- no change on net Metering
- 10 new towns scheduled to launch ~ 22 towns total
- Merrimack Co is joining, would allow Merry Co towns to join thru County
- Concord is joining
- 3 towns signed up with brokers, promised to beat utilities, can't now.
- Litigating

--CPCNH Annual Membership meeting to be scheduled in April  
Any member may attend – probably in the Concord area

Continuing discussion re potential for local renewable energy projects

--Report on exploration of potential sites in Canterbury: Lenore, Kent, Howard  
Identified 6-7 properties (owned by the town??)  
Looked at 30+ acres of tax deeded land – wet at front – not suitable unless  
access comes through speedway which is a possibility

--Update on potential sources of funding: Lenore  
We are ready and ahead of the curve for the next Fed and state grant  
announcement  
Need a piece of land for community solar, first.  
There is an organization that offers help,

--Potential assistance on technical and development from CPCNH et al.  
(see CPCNH CEO Report excerpts at Attachment 2 to cover email)

Preparation for March 15 Town Meeting

--Do we need or want to update the community on Canterbury Community Power?  
Not required

--If so, do we want to:

- (1) Suggest Select Board consider "Granite Plus" (33% renewable power) for CCP default energy rate at next 6-month rate change in August?

Group decided to continue with Granite Basic, but encourage Granite Plus and above

- (2) Keep focus on "community benefit" rate savings: CCP "Granite Basic" default customers enjoy lowest energy rates in NH at 8.1 cents/kWh, and individual ratepayers can always "opt up" to "Granite Plus" at 8.4 cents/kWh?

Group agreed with this approach

- (3) Explain additional potential "community benefits" of reserve funds and potential help with community renewable energy generation projects? (see Spreadsheet at Attachment 3 to cover email)

Group decided to keep it simple: simply provide information about the total \$\$ the Canterbury community has saved since adoption of Community Solar.

- (4) Provide an update on the status of litigation/negotiations re credit for surplus energy sales back to the grid by customer-generators with PV solar? And how might we want to do it?

Group decided to use CPCNH handout recently prepared to explain the Net Metering situation.

CEO and new dir of regulatory affairs have been attending utility negotiations. Docket at Puc to answer the question of whether utilities have to provide information on how much power are net Metering customers providing

Eversource says they don't have staff to do, would take months, have to write code. Howie hopes it will be resolved before a couple months.

Town meeting

Net Metering FAQs from CPCNH at table

Possibility of Town going up to next

Beth volunteered to take the mic to encourage folks to buy into more renewable energy and introduce the net metering handout

Lenore to draft a short handout stating how much \$ residents saved on their electric bill to be printed and distributed on seats

We will not address reserve

Howie will send CPCNH Net Metering FAQs to cttee.

Rate savings and community reserve funds – in writing

- (1) Asking for 3 minutes at microphone at end of Town Meeting?

Group decided not to do this

(2) A 1-page or quarter-page hand-out to leave on chairs?

Group decided this should be very short – ¼ page or less – addressing only the amount of \$ saved by the town so far.

(3) Hosting a table at the back manned by CCPC members to answer questions?

Group decided to do this, and have the CPCNH Net Metering Faqs to hand out at the table

8:00 Other new business?

--Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13 – if needed

--Adjourn