

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 8:37 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe
Kent Ruesswick
John Schneider
Howard Moffett, Chair
Tom Franco
Cheryl Franco
Ellen Scarponi
Tim Meeh
Ben Stonebraker
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary
Beth McGuinn

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Others in Attendance:

Kal MacKay [town administrator]

I. Minutes of April 17, 2024 CCPC Meeting

- a. First: Lenore
- b. Second: Kent
- c. All approved WITH AMENDMENT (corrected date of next meeting to reflect May 8, instead of May 7, 2024; no other amendments)

II. Tom and Cheryl Franco Intros

III. Kal McKay, Town Administrative Assistant, Presented on Right-to-Know Law Requirements

- a. Confirmed current member list
- b. Confirmed everyone had signed oaths
- c. Discussed changes to email policies - each committee member now needs an email dedicated to municipal work; we should confirm with Kal when we have set it up

- d. Discussed quorum and issues that can arise with written communications
- e. Discussed whether meetings would be streamed and/or recorded – likely a decision for the Select Board to make

IV. Developments and Updates Since Last Meeting

- a. CPCNH Annual Meeting on 4/25
 - i. Several Merrimack County towns are joining CPCNH (Loudon, Webster, Boscawen, Pembroke)
- b. Hiring of CPCNH Director of Projects and Programs Mark Bolinger
 - i. Howard spoke with Mr. Bolinger, as well as representatives from Boscawen and Concord – discussed future meetings to look for opportunities for collaboration
 - ii. Goal is to find out what state-wide coalition is doing, as well as member communities, so that we can look for opportunities for collaboration and do not have to do everything ourselves
- c. Status of HB 1600 (bill would allow CPA’s to develop renewable generating facilities to 5 MW)
 - i. As the law currently stands, even if we found a site for a solar project, and all other parts of the project came into place, we would not be able to build more than a 1-megawatt facility
 - ii. HB 1600 would increase the limit to 5 megawatts, and includes a provision for net-metering
 - iii. HB 1600 passed at executive session – 4-0 (unanimous) ought to pass as amended, amendment creates a subcommittee (or study committee) – additional information is available on the NH General Court website
- d. Update on Net Metering issue at NHPUC (DE 22-060)
 - i. Several parties have entered into joint settlement agreements
 - ii. Two parties did not agree to sign onto joint settlement agreements: the Department of Energy, and CPCNH
 - iii. Details are available on the NHPUC website

V. Continued Discussion of Next Phase of CCPC’s Mission

- a. Three or Four potential project alternatives:
 - i. Electric Generation Subcommittee: Lenore, Kent, Howard, Tom and Cheryl
 - 1. Exploring opportunities for a town-owned renewable energy/battery storage project (scouting potential sites in

Canterbury, accessing development expertise through CPCNH, and seeking potential funding sources)

2. Discussed some opportunities and obstacles

ii. Multi-town Renewable Energy Projects

1. Subcommittee would explore potential collaborations with other Merrimack County CPCNH Member towns, and access development expertise through CPCNH

iii. Assisting Select Board with a Canterbury cell tower project

1. Committee members should let Howard and Lenore know if interested in working on this project

2. Beth and Ellen volunteered to co-chair this subcommittee

iv. Explore idea of home-based storage project

1. Green Mountain Power Model: Placing batteries in individual homes, with agreement with owner; can be cost-effective

2. Lebanon project with Liberty

3. Subcommittee could find out more about these projects and explore whether this path is something that could benefit Canterbury

VI. Communications Outreach

a. Subcommittee: Town Communications

i. Using the Town email and Newsletter, our web page on the Town website, and our CPCNH web page to provide information

b. Committee members should email Ellen if interested in assisting with this

VII. Miscellaneous

a. Discussed transition to a new Committee Chairperson

b. Could also benefit from a Vice Chairperson and/or a representative to attend CPCNH meetings and report to CCPC

c. Will discuss more next meeting

Adjourned at 8:37PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary