

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 7:00 pm
Adjourned: 8:16 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe
Kent Ruesswick
John Schneider
Howard Moffett, Chair
Tim Meeh
Ben Stonebraker
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary
Beth McGuinn

Committee Members Absent:

Tom Franco
Cheryl Franco
Ellen Scarponi

Others in Attendance:

Clifton Mathieu

I. Minutes of May 8, 2024 CCPC Meeting

- a. Due to issues with the email list, not all committee members received the draft minutes in time to review before the meeting; minutes were preliminarily approved to be confirmed at next meeting
- b. Kelley will put together an email list to send to the group to make sure all emails are correct/updated
- c. Kelley to make sure all minutes are posted to Town's website

II. Developments Since Last Meeting

a. Discussed Callnan Memo (dated May 22)

- i. Provides schedule to set new default rates
- ii. Eversource and Unitil rates for August 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025 will be released by Friday, June 14
- iii. We will not know until June 27 what the 5 rates offered by CPCNH will be
- iv. Select Board Meeting is on June 17, so the Selectboard will have to pass a conditional rate approval

- v. Canterbury Newsletter for July – CCPC will have some information about amount saved for Canterbury residents, but will not know the final rates in time for the July newsletter
- vi. Clifton Mathieu – discussed transparency, and noted that Canterbury Community Power rates do not save residents money on the utility’s delivery fee; Clifton noted that this should be made clear in the newsletter
- vii. Howard Moffett discussed that the utility’s distribution rates might go up, but this is a regulatory process, separate from CPC or CPCNH, and we do not have any control over the distribution rates

b. Discussed adding a 5th rate option for Canterbury:

- i. “Canterbury Basic” – this would be a discretionary reserve adder rate option
- ii. Note that this is different from Canterbury’s allocated share of CPCNH reserves
- iii. Could present to Select Board that CCPC recommends Granite Basic OR Canterbury Basic as the default rate
- iv. Individuals would still be able to choose any rate, including Granite Basic, for their household
- v. Consensus that CCPC will go to Select Board with both options

c. Update on HB 1600

- i. Unfortunately, HB 1600 will not pass this session
- ii. This in part means that CCPC/CPCNH will remain limited to what we can offer net-metering folks

III. Discussed a New Funding project by NH Department of Energy

- a. Opportunity for funding for a municipal solar generating project
- b. Proposals due August 1
- c. Unlikely CCPC could prepare a proposal by that deadline, but all the more reason to be ready for a future opportunity

IV. Discussed June 3 Merrimack Members Project Meeting (handout)

- a. A number of Merrimack County member towns showed interest in a multi-town project
- b. CPCNH is looking at 3 different kinds of renewable energy generation projects:
 - i. Single town projects – CCPC has been exploring this route, despite efforts we have not been successful in finding ideal location in Canterbury
 - ii. Multi-town project – could involve several other CPCNH member towns in Merrimack County – would not matter in what town the project is sited,

- all towns in the group would benefit (this would also depend on which utility is involved, and if that utility serves Canterbury residents)
- iii. CPCNH project – sponsored, developed, and shared out by CPCNH to benefit all CPCNH member towns
 - c. Discussion regarding potential for Planning Board goals for Canterbury
 - i. For example, Concord has 100% renewable energy goal by 2030; Loudon sets aside \$30k in its budget each year for renewable energy projects

V. Proposed CCPC Subcommittee Structure

- a. **Renewable generation project subcommittee:** Howard, Lenore, Kent, Tom and Cheryl

- b. **Battery storage/with or without solar generating, project subcommittee:**
 - i. Canterbury or in collaboration with other Merrimack County towns
 - ii. Ben, John, Kelley, Tom (Chair), Kent

- c. **Cellphone coverage subcommittee**
 - i. Beth, Ellen (co-chairs) – they have already met in advance of today’s meeting
 - ii. Note: Clifton Mathieu has many years of experience in telecommunications, and has pertinent knowledge and information; Clifton is willing to have the subcommittee contact him for information

- d. **Outreach/Communications Subcommittee:**
 - i. Outreach working group
 - ii. Ellen (chair), Howard, Kelley

Adjourned at 8:16 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7pm at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary