

NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

March 1, 2022

Attendees

- In-person
 - Patsy Beffa-Negrini
 - Lisa Sieverts
 - Gary Robinson
 - Jonathan Pfister
- Zoom
 - Greg Rothman
 - Bill Waterston
 - Betsy Street
 - Rick Weyerhaeuser
 - Mare-Ann Jarvela
- Absent
 - Sandy Mackenzie
- Guests
 - None

Action Items

- Patsy
 - Find out how to request the data on resident usage from Eversource
 - Edit and clean up the questions and send to the brokers in advance.
 - Share a PDF of the questions with the committee

MINUTES

- Motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022, as sent by email on Feb. 1, Gary, and Rick seconds, all in favor
- Plan for March 15 meeting with Standard Power and Good Energy (SP & GE)

Finalize questions to ask consultant/broker using Keene's Consultant Scoring Sheet as a guide

- **DRAFT Consultant Scoring Sheet:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ucPQJTfetgHGWuFW1I5Gbv2j8ugekMVeulMrmN57rx8/edit?usp=sharing>
- We want to know for one thing, if Nelson is of large enough population to be of interest to them, and how will they service us compared to a larger town

- We will also need Selection criteria for choosing a broker for electric purchase, do this later as we get closer to making that decision (in 2023)
- Looking at Keene's questions, we made edits directly in the document
 - docs.google.com/document/d/1ucPQJTfetgHGWuFW1I5Gbv2j8ugekMVeulMrmN57rx8/edit
- Standard Power and Good Energy
 - Emily Manns, Bob Haydn will join us in two weeks, possibly another.
 - We don't know if in person or via Zoom
 - Patsy will lead the asking of the questions, Lisa will take notes, and everyone should feel free to jump in and ask for clarification
- Handout at Town Meeting?
 - Lisa and Betsy feel it's too early and that it will just confuse people if it's handed out at Town Meeting but there's nothing to vote on. All in agreement
 - Other ideas for Outreach later this year:
 - Better to tap into the Artisan Fair and Old Home Day instead
 - Our survey will also be a form of outreach
 - Best to also plan on going door-to-door next February
- Goal setting and vision
 - **Goal and Vision working document:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y74JQsmHZ3gkaIO9E-_lXYu8wZtkFFFD/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111544631100531111996&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - 1 Provide greater choice for ratepayers, at a rate that is competitive with the default/base rate offered by Eversource,
 - 2 Increase the percentage of renewable energy sources in the electricity mix,
 - 3 Support local renewable energy production
 - 4 Build a reserve fund to manage energy price shifts and to invest in local energy
 - Consider a goal around helping the Master Plan process to include Energy, which probably means creating a Nelson Energy Committee
- Retrospective
 - Discussion of meeting in person vs. meeting in Zoom. We're still not permitted to meet entirely in Zoom
- Motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM by Rick, second Greg, all in favor

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 15, 2:30 PM, to interview Standard Power/Good Energy

Useful Links

- Google Group Email
 - nelsoncommunitypower@googlegroups.com
 - Using this email address will automatically send your message to everyone on the committee
- Nelson Community Power Web Page
 - sites.google.com/view/nelsoncommunitypower/home