

# NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

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May 17, 2022

## Attendees

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- In-person
  - Patsy Beffa-Negrini
  - Lisa Sieverts
  - Jonathan Pfister
  - Mare-Ann Jarvela
- Zoom
  - Sandy Mackenzie
- Absent
  - Betsy Street
  - Greg Rothman
  - Gary Robinson
  - Rick Weyerhaeuser
  - Bill Waterston

## Action Items

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- Patsy
  - Check with Mark from Colonial to get a reference from Wendell MA
  - Make a draft survey and share with us
- Lisa
  - Make a draft flyer about the survey and share with us
  - Do a When2Meet poll about possible new meeting time if needed
- Everyone
  - Read the MOU documents

## Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM

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**Motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022, as sent by email on May 4, 2022, by Patsy and Jonathan seconds, all in favor**

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## Survey

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- Do we need to have the survey done in order to write our Energy Plan?
- We have lots of examples of surveys
- Survey is a good thing to do this summer
- Sandy suggests we mail the survey, so as to get everyone
  - It's expensive, \$400 or so
  - Sandy: ask Edie if a mailing could be covered by town funds, even COVID money
- Black Fly Express
- Survey Monkey or Google Form
  - Patsy will make a draft survey for us to review
  - Lisa will try to make a handout for the summer events
    - And to put on the bulletin board and library
    - Look at what went into the Black Fly Express
    - And the original half sheet flyer
- Go to the summer events with the half sheet

## Broker Decision

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- We are missing too many people to make a broker decision today
- Everyone: Review the MOUs for next time
  - The FEL MOU appears to lock the town into 5 years
    - It does have a detailed scope of services
    - FEL definitely seems to do a lot of the work, like writing the plan (with us), do the PUC filing.
  - SP/GE MOU is vague, with a reference to terms later
  - Coalition MOU is much longer, but some of it seems to be redundant
- Pros and Cons
  - Coalition looks like more work but gives us more choices, like buying into projects that other towns are doing
  - Coalition, the board can choose to fund projects, Jonathan points out that unless we decide soon, we won't be on the board (limited to first 21 towns). While they will probably be good at listening to other partner towns, it's different to not be on the Board. And again, it's a big commitment to be on their board.
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  - FEL is probably the most "turnkey" where they do the work
- Meeting on June 7 to meet with other towns about Community Power
  - [Monadnock Community Power Roundtable](#)

## Green Energy NH

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- Patsy has been attending meetings

- Talking about NH Energy legislation
- The NH Coalition and SP/GE have been there
- Colonial has not been there, as far as Patsy can tell

## Possible reschedule of our summer meetings

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- Lisa may be taking a class during our meeting time beginning on 6/21 for about 7 weeks
- When2Meet Poll: Lisa will set up a poll to find alternate meeting times in case we need them.

## Motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM

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## Next Meetings

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- Tuesday June 7 is CANCELLED because several people are away and Patsy wants to attend the Community Power Roundtable in Keene Heberton Hall at 5 PM. Register at [Monadnock Community Power Roundtable](#) if you want to attend.
- Tuesday, June 21 2:30 but stay tuned because we may have to change this meeting time

## Useful Links

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- Zoom
  - Zoom link if needed: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://keene.zoom.us/j/98427113827?pwd=MXpPdVJxaENlVnRodW45NWt0YUtxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 984 2711 3827  
Passcode: 290361
- Google Group Email
  - [nelsoncommunitypower@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](https://sites.google.com/view/nelsoncommunitypower/home)
- Consultants' Web Pages
  - [goodenergy.com/](https://goodenergy.com/)
  - [cpcnh.org/](https://cpcnh.org/)
  - [felpower.com/](https://felpower.com/)
  - Colonial Power Group website: <https://colonialpowergroup.com>