

# NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

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June 21, 2022

## Attendees

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

## Action Items

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- ALL
  - Review at least a few Energy Plans from other towns, thinking about which one we should use for our template and what should we be sure to include
    - [drive.google.com/drive/folders/1idoR7Fncol3roCVjyNTBg0Mw5qOWT4aX](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1idoR7Fncol3roCVjyNTBg0Mw5qOWT4aX)
- Patsy
  - Ask Mark for sample Energy Plans from a couple of their towns (Wendell)
  - Will we be able to specify that we want to buy local New England energy? Patsy will ask Mark from Colonial
  - Patsy will make a 11x17 poster of the right half of the flyer
- Lisa
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 9–10 Lisa
  - Lisa will make the flyer (sample attached) and get it printed (100 copies)
  - Lisa will find out about Library Trustees
- Mare-Ann
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 10–11 Mare Anne

- Mare-Anne will check in with Ag Comm
- Jon
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 11–12 Jon
- Sandy
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 12 - 1 Sandy
  - Sandy will talk to Lynn Francis about Silver Lake Association and do they want us to talk to them
    - And find out if Betsy Street go to that meeting and would she want to talk about Comm Power?
- Gary
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 1–2 Gary
  - Gary and Patsy will write an article for the Black Fly about the survey, we'll do this a couple of weeks after the Craft Fair in case we need to make changes to survey
  - Gary will talk to Conservation Commission, last Thursday of the month
- Bill
  - Craft Fair 6/25
    - 2–3 Bill

## Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM

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## Motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2022, as sent by email on May 17, 2022, by Bill and Sandy seconds, all in favor

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- Correction: Change Green Energy NH to Clean Energy NH

## Recap of meeting with MSH and SWRPC (Bill, Lisa, Patsy) and maybe Wendell, MA (Lisa) - 10 mins

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- It was a good meeting, great to hear from other towns that are mostly ahead of Nelson in the process.
- Today the Sentinel said that the PUC **rejected** Keene's Energy Plan, but that's not really true, it's still just the PUC sending everyone's plans back because the PUC itself is late writing the rules.
  - PUC will meet on July 5
- Are the CPCNH towns all using the same energy plan? No, we are fairly confident that each town writes their own plan

## **Approve community power survey and flyer. Do we also need an information handout? Discuss who will be at the Artisan Fair and at what times. Discuss printing the flyer (and handout?) - 20 mins**

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- Bit.Ly short link for our Nelson Community Power Google Site
  - <http://bit.ly/3QyOGJG>

## **Set goal(s) for the summer, especially meetings with town groups, committees, and events and revisit order of steps for Public Hearings > Write Warrant Article > Vote at Town Meeting - 20 mins\*\***

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- We'll plan the later summer events after we debrief how the Craft Fair went

## **Discussion of broker/consultants, with goal of coming to consensus on which of the 3 to work with - remainder of meeting time - 25 mins (if the room is available until 4:00 this will be 40 mins)**

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- Overall takes
  - Colonial paperwork seems to have the clearest agreement and the most protection for the town. But it's a 5-year agreement that is hard to get out of.
  - Standard Power makes it easy to terminate the contract.

- Coalition does not specify the rate, and appears to leave the town responsible, possibly financially, for more aspects of community power aggregation.
- Colonial
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## New business

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- None

## Motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM by Bill second by Jon, all in favor

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## Next Meetings

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- Tuesday July 5 2:30 PM
  - Review our Survey data
  - Writing the plan
    - Review the example plans
    - Patsy will build out folders on Google Drive so that it's easy for us to review sample energy plans
    - We each review a few plans and highlight the ones that you think would be a good place for us to start
    - Lisa will include links in the minutes
- Tuesday July 19 2:30 PM

## Upcoming events

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- Artisan Crafts Fair, June 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Nubanusit Lake Association, July 9th, 9:30 a.m. - Patsy and Lisa to attend meeting with a handout (No presentations can be done at this meeting.)
- Nelson in Common Board: Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m

## Completed 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

## Useful Links

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- Zoom
  - NEW Zoom link if needed: Join Zoom Meeting  
[keene.zoom.us/j/94790755601](https://keene.zoom.us/j/94790755601)
- 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)
  - <http://bit.ly/3QyOGJG>
- Consultants' Web Pages
  - [goodenergy.com/](http://goodenergy.com/)
  - [cpcnh.org/](http://cpcnh.org/)
  - [felpower.com/](http://felpower.com/)
  - Colonial Power Group website: <https://colonialpowergroup.com>