

NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

July 19, 2022

Attendees

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

Action Items

- Work on your section of the Energy Aggregation Plan (EAP) by reviewing that section in the examples we have from other towns, choosing the wording you think is best, and identifying your questions/issues related to that section, for discussion on 8/2
 - Examples on Google Drive
 - [Community Power Electric Aggregation Plans - Google Drive](#)
 - Note that these section numbers refer to the description of the EAP in the legislation. You'll have to look through each of the Town's plans and figure out where they put that section
 - Sections 1–4 **Patsy**
 - Section 5–1 Organization Structure **GREG and PATSY**
 - Section 5–2 Operation and Funding **BILL**
 - Section 5–3 Rate Setting and Product Options **LISA**
 - Sections 5–4 Entering and Terminating Agreements and 5–5 Rights and Responsibilities **GARY**
 - Section 5–6 Net metering **JON**
 - Section 5–7 EAP program **RICK**
 - Section 5–8 Termination **Mare-Anne**
- ALL
 - We can all fill out the Pros and Cons Google Sheet
 - docs.google.com/document/d/1Hu9boFB1py7eRVdMpk7PYF8lN8ZO0lkpV-AMGrStQE/edit

- Send Patsy a fun photo of yourself to put on the Team page on the Google Site
- Mare-Ann
 - Mare-Anne will check in with Ag Comm
- Bill W
 - Bill W will see if we can send an email to the Nelson Church email list
- Lisa
 - Lisa will contact Wendell MA again about the role of Administrator and how much time it takes
- Patsy
 - Join Greg on the Organizational Structure section
 - Patsy will work on a glossary, or see if one already exists
- Gary
 - See if Kathy S will send out the link to the survey to Conservation Committee members

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM
- Motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022, as sent by email on July 5, 2022, by Gary and Sandy seconds, all in favor
- Debrief on the flyer and survey
 - Recap of Nubanusit Lake Association Meeting on 7/9
 - It was mostly Hancock folks
 - People were interested
 - John Wengler was there and has concerns about any promises we make about “lower prices” as he has expertise in energy markets and managing risk. He supports the project overall. We will have him as a reviewer of the Aggregation Plan.
 - Survey
 - 33 responses so far
 - In this small group, there is interest in more renewables
 - Hope to have an article about the survey in the Black Fly tomorrow
 - Info flyers are available in the Library and on the Bulletin Board
 - Bill W will see if we can send an email to the Nelson Church email list
 - Rick asks whether we want summer people to fill out the survey
 - Yes, definitely want their survey response
 - Is it possible to get email addresses from Eversource? We are not sure.
 - How about leafleting at the September Ice Cream Social?
 - Yes, if we are still collecting survey responses by then
 - Meeting with other groups
 - Sandy researched Silver Lake meeting, still don't know the date
 - Gary will ask Kathy Schillemat to ask CC members to fill out the survey
- NH released its 10-year energy plan today
 - drive.google.com/file/d/1e7StHx4SYTyf_LcTLK1WIBQxQxmBz0UW/view

- Community Power is there, but not front and center
 - Selectboard
 - Patsy will meet with them August 3 to share an update
 - Writing Progress on the EAP
 - Patsy made progress on her sections, we like the 7 Cs
 - Look at the Harrisville EAP specifically for the Coalition language. Note also that Walpole is somewhat unique.
 - Note that Rye and Lebanon are almost carbon copies of each other, same for Marlboro and Swanzey.
 - Lisa did Rate Setting, and has started but hasn't finished her comparison and writing yet
 - Rick has completed his section
 - Mare-Anne has completed his section
 - Lisa likes the Executive Summary that Rye did, we should do something like that once we are done
 - Greg has been looking at the Organizational Structure section
 - It's been somewhat confusing, referring to roles that we don't have
 - Colonial Power examples were overly wordy, we want to keep it simple but still abiding by all regulations.
 - Greg wants a partner to work with him to bounce ideas off of. Patsy is willing to do this.
 - Lisa will contact Wendell MA again about the role of Administrator and how much time it takes
 - Greg made phone calls to MA towns who are using Colonial Power, heard from Northfield and Adams MA. Good references, said Colonial was easy to work with. The Town Manager in Northfield is the only person there who interacts with Colonial Power. They started their Aggregation project many years ago. Having a good Town web site seems important. Northfield said Colonial is a turn-key operation.
 - Jon on net metering
 - Finding that Lebanon and NH Electric Coop were nearly identical, and long. Harrisville was short. The Standard Power examples were the same town to town, and also brief.
 - Should we aim for longer or shorter?
 - And is it our job to educate every reader of our plan? No, not really. We can do education in other places than the Plan itself.
 - It needs to be long enough, and no longer :-)
 - We do not think it is enough to simply copy the language from the RSA. We need to clearly state HOW we are going to make it happen.
 - Lisa says that she hopes we can specify reimbursement for solar home generation is at least as good as Eversource.
 - We note that Colonial completely abdicates here, saying they won't do net metering at all, which means if we went with CP/FEL then everyone with solar in Nelson would have to opt-out or else forego reimbursement.
 - Whose section has the stipulation about using the New England grid as the source for renewable power?
 - Electric Supply Product Options, should this be in Rate Setting? Or in Patsy's sections? Lisa and Patsy will discuss where it belongs.
 - Patsy will work on a glossary, or see if one already exists
- Broker Consultant Thoughts
 - Patsy's question
 - Noting that Cheshire County is in the NH Coalition, should Nelson go with a different broker so people have choice?
 - Because people could then go with Eversource, or Cheshire County CP and Coalition, or Nelson CP with

perhaps a different broker?

- Does this cause too much fragmentation in the market?
- We don't know
- Remember that any individual resident can go with any broker that calls them up, or stay with Eversource.
- Motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM by Bill second by Rick, all in favor

Next Meetings

- Tuesday August 2 2:30 PM
 - Come to the meeting prepared to present your section, talk about the complex bits of it, and your recommendation
 - Additional survey results
- Tuesday August 16 2:30 PM
- Tuesday August 30 2:30 PM
 - Plan for September while Patsy is away
 - Should we leaflet about the survey at the Ice Cream Social?

Upcoming events

- Nelson in Common Board: Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m

Completed Action Items

- Patsy
 - Section 5-1 Organization Structure Patsy will check to see if either Sandy or Greg can take this one
 - Put our survey half-sheet flyers in the Library
 - Work with Gary on Black Fly article publicizing the survey
 - Put a link to the survey on our Google Site home page
- Greg
 - Greg Rothman will do some research into people who use Colonial Power for municipal use, do they recommend CP?
- 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

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
- <http://bit.ly/3QyOGJG>
- Nelson Community Power Google Drive Contents
 - drive.google.com/file/d/1xnS85vJ7RBCjZQpcZmtSswU_2aDhfpi_/view
- Consultants' Web Pages
 - goodenergy.com/
 - cpcnh.org/
 - felpower.com/
 - Colonial Power Group website: <https://colonialpowergroup.com>