

NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

August 2, 2022

Attendees

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

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/1Hu9boFB1py7eRVdMpk7PYF8lN8ZO0IkpV-AMGrtStQE/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
 - This will happen on 8/3/22
- 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
 - Conservation Commission is very interested and will talk about CommunityPower themselves

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 2:32 PM
- Motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022, as sent by email on July 19, 2022, by Bill W and Mare-Anne seconds, all in favor
- Survey Status
 - For participation, we are second only to Wilton, but we'd like to get more responses
 - Ideas to promote the survey
 - Walk around at Old Home Day? Yes
 - Hand out the flyer to people in the chicken line, check for Nelson residents
 - Lisa will make more flyers for pickup on Saturday
- Patsy August 3 Meetings with Dori Drachman and Selectboard
 - Dori Drachman
 - Dori is on the Energy Committee and EA for Peterborough, and part of Monadnock Sustainability Hub
 - Peterborough joined the Coalition recently
 - We still have questions about how the Coalition differs from Standard Power and Colonial Power
 - We still have questions about administrative burden on the town, with all the brokers but especially with the Coalition - Question for Dori
 - Gary called JB Mack from SWRPC
 - Dori would have information about the county aggregation that we were looking for
 - Ask Selectboard about when we should do the Public Hearings, how late in the year can we do this? Does it need to have a Zoom component?
- Broker/Consultants
 - Pros and Cons docs.google.com/document/d/1Hu9boFB1py7eRVdMpk7PYF8lN8Z00IkpV-AMGrStQE/edit
 - We don't have to make this decision yet, though the brokers would do lots of work to help us.

- Progress on the Drafty Draft
 - docs.google.com/document/d/1ZL2CY-7iyE5nA5yixD6PtjwvirE1mv9ih7_V6Y_Gk6k/edit
 - Nelson EAP Folder drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XWEhydBQOoVYshcFIHCCP5VKoNV0UnnB
 - Patsy needs to move the draft out of her Google Drive into the nelsoncommunitypower Google Drive
 - So there will be some new links
 - Ask brokers
 - How does a buying group work?
 - How does a reserve fund work, in terms of how the money is held.
 - What does it actually say on the bill that residents receive? “Nelson CommunityPower” or the broker name? Or “Sparky’s Electrical Supply”
 - Bill working on Operations and Funding
 - Each broker’s write up is different
 - If we are mixing and matching (as we are), will that make it harder to work with one of the brokers? Standard Power and Colonial Power are using strict boilerplate for the EA Plans. Coalition has more variation in their town’s plans.
 - We are educating ourselves by writing our EA plan ourselves. We understand the risk of doing it this way.
 - We should be able to some of our neighboring towns actually buying power before we get to our Town Meeting, so that we can have some real data about what it takes from an administrative perspective.
 - Greg worked on Operational Structure, there are so many requirements that there can’t be a lot of variation.
- Motion to adjourn at 3:55 PM by Lisa second by Patsy, all in favor

Next Meetings

- Tuesday August 16 2:30 PM
 - Revisit the timeline, recap Selectboard meeting, and share additional sections of the Drafty Draft
- 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
- Ice Cream Social? Sunday, September 4, 3:00 PM

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
 - Standard Power: standardpower.com.
 - Good Energy: goodenergy.com/
 - Community Power Coalition of NH cpcnh.org/
 - Freedom Energy Logistics felpower.com/
 - Colonial Power Group website: <https://colonialpowergroup.com>
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