

# NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

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August 16, 2022

## Attendees

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

## Action Items

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- 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](https://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

- Sandy
  - Ask Kelly French who is the broker for the Nelson School (Good Energy?) and for how long have they worked with them?
- Patsy
  - Write a short email about taking the survey, send to Bill for Nelson Church distribution and Gary for Nelson Dems distribution
  - Ask Andrea in Harrisville if they had to publish the EAP in their Town Report
- Lisa
  - Bring survey flyers to Ice Cream Social and Farmers Market

## MINUTES

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- Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM
- Motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2022, as sent by email on August 14, 2022, by Sandy and Bill seconds, all in favor
- Survey
  - We forgot to hand out flyers at the Munsonville Market days, oops
  - Edie says no money in the budget for a Town mailing
  - Bill asked Nelson Church, they will repost an email from NCP to their email list. Patsy will send Bill exactly what should be sent to the Church mailing list
  - Patsy will send the same email to Gary Robinson to ask Linda Cates to send to the Nelson Dems list
  - 59 respondents, 9.4% of population
  - Nelson in Common Board Meeting on 8/20 at 10 AM, Patsy and Sandy will attend
  - Ice Cream Social 9/4 at 3 PM
    - Lisa will bring flyers
  - Farmers Market 9/10
    - Lisa will bring flyers
- Patsy met with Selectboard
  - Edie believes that NCP will be a ballot article not a warrant article, and that our EAP needs to be printed in the Town Report. And Edie is saying that the deadline for the Town Report is very soon.
    - As far as we can tell, other towns did not publish their EAPs in the Town Report.
    - Patsy will ask Andrea in Harrisville if they had to publish the EAP in their Town Report
- Research into Cheshire County Energy Aggregation
  - Patsy has asked three people about whether Nelson can do Community Power under Cheshire County and got three different answers. We will ask more questions when they visit us in two weeks.
- Brokers
  - Patsy will ask all the brokers the same questions.
    - 1. As we talk to people in our town, community choice aggregation problems/failures in California come up consistently. Can you explain why this happened in CA and how it can be prevented in NH and addressed in our EAP?
    - 1. Is REC sweeping an issue in NH and what are you doing to ensure that through Community Power, we are building a robust renewable energy market in New England?

- 1. It is unlikely that Nelson's CPA will be overseen by our Town Administrator and another person would need to be appointed to that role. What qualifications must a person have to "administer" our CPA in place of our Town Administrator? Along with an estimate of monthly hours expected from the Town Administrator to run the Nelson Community Power Program.
- 1. Please describe in detail how you will assist the Nelson CPA to establish a reserve fund and how it will be administered.
- 1. Our understanding is that the EAP does not need to be included as part of our Town Report. Is that correct? And the vote to establish Nelson CPA is not a ballot measure, just a warrant article, is that correct?
- 1. Given that Cheshire County is now part of CPCNH, how does that effect towns in Cheshire County? We see a couple of issues and wonder if you have any clarity? Would it be better that Nelson **not** choose CPCNH because it would give Nelson Ratepayers even **more choice**, i.e., they could choose Nelson Community Power (with SP&GE or Colonial Power/FEL) **OR** Cheshire Community Power (with CPCNH). Or on the other hand, is Nelson in a way compelled into going with CPCNH to not undercut ourselves, provide too many choices, and not have enough participants? This question is kind of convoluted, but we hope you understand what we are asking. And of course, there isn't much information about Cheshire Community Power yet, so we may not even be asking the right questions. Just trying to understand how Cheshire Community Power fits into the mix.
- 1. How does the Town Community Power Committee set the rates for local net metering (people with solar on their homes in Nelson) and who then approves that rate?
- Nelson EAP
  - [docs.google.com/document/d/18KtihWHUubydITstlS84\\_Vf06fmmjy9ioXdwtViGnQM/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18KtihWHUubydITstlS84_Vf06fmmjy9ioXdwtViGnQM/edit#)
  - Jon working on net metering. The Harrisville language is probably the right place for us to start.
    - Statute says Community Power comes up with the rates. But how? Jon hasn't found any information about who approves the rates, is it the PUC?
    - We should ask this question of the brokers: how can the Town CPC set the rates for net metering and who approves that rate?
  - Gary working on Rights and Responsibilities
    - Question about where complaints go? Broker, CP Administrator, PUC, and what goes where
      - Think about an individual householder in Nelson, who do they talk to when they have questions or complaints. We want them to contact the broker directly, not contact Edie or this Nelson Committee.
    - Gary will look at the latest PUC rules that were just published
- Motion to adjourn at 4:00 PM by Lisa second by Bill, all in favor

## Next Meetings

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- Tuesday August 30 2:30 PM
  - Cheshire County Commissioner Terry Clark will attend
  - Review completed EAP so that it can be sent to brokers for their feedback during September
  - Plan for September while Patsy is away
  - Guess at dates for Public Hearings
- Tuesday October 4 2:30 PM
  - Confirm dates for Public Hearings

## Upcoming events

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- Nelson in Common Board: Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m
- Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 4, 3:00 PM
- Nelson Farmers Market Saturday, September 17, 9 AM - noon

## Completed Action Items

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- 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
    - Conservation Commission is very interested and will talk about CommunityPower themselves

## Useful Links

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- 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>
- Nelson Community Power Google Drive Contents
  - [drive.google.com/file/d/1xnS85vJ7RBCjZQpcZmtSswU\\_2aDhfpj\\_/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xnS85vJ7RBCjZQpcZmtSswU_2aDhfpj_/view)
- Consultants' Web Pages
  - Standard Power: [standardpower.com](http://standardpower.com).
  - Good Energy: [goodenergy.com/](http://goodenergy.com/)
  - Community Power Coalition of NH [cpcnh.org/](http://cpcnh.org/)
  - Freedom Energy Logistics [felpower.com/](http://felpower.com/)
  - Colonial Power Group website: <https://colonialpowergroup.com>