

NELSON COMMUNITY POWER

October 18, 2022

Attendees

- In-person
 - Lisa Sieverts
 - Jonathan Pfister
 - Patsy Beffa-Negrini
 - Greg Rothman
 - Mare-Ann Jarvela
- Zoom
 - Sandy Mackenzie
 - Bill Waterston
- Absent
 - Rick Weyerhaeuser
 - Gary Robinson
- Guests
 - None

Action Items

- Patsy
 - Add benefits to Cheshire County option on Risks and Benefits Chart
 - More people to leverage lower rates
 - More opportunities for community energy projects
 - Add the Eversource sentence to both versions of the Warrant article, and include that Eversource will continue to be responsible for restoring power during outages.

Agenda

- ◦ Accept Minutes of August 30, 2022 and October 4, 2022 meetings: [Link to Aug. Minutes](#), [Link to Oct Minutes](#)
- ◦ Discuss Cheshire Community Power Plan in comparison to Nelson EAP
- ◦ Discuss a potential Warrant Article (See below)
- ◦ Discuss draft committee report to be entered into the Town Report
- ◦ Edit Goal and Vision - Nelson Community Power (Tasks Update)
- ◦ New business

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 2:32 PM
- Motion to approve the minutes of August 30, 2022, as sent by email on September 1, 2022, by Greg and Jon seconds, all in favor
- Motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022, as sent by email on October 5, 2022, by Jon and Bill seconds, all in favor
- Cheshire County
 - The Sustainability Hub and Cheshire County are still setting up an information session for a future date
- Planning for Meeting with Nelson BOS on 10/26
 - Reporting from the survey
 - Who uses Eversource?
 - Who uses other suppliers?
 - Remind them that Community Power is a solution to high electric rates
 - Cheshire County is leading the way among NH counties
 - Opt-in as individuals or opt-out via the Town
 - Risks and benefits
 - Add benefits to Cheshire County
 - More people to leverage lower rates
 - More opportunities for community energy projects
- Cheshire County EAP
 - co.cheshire.nh.us/wp-content/uploads/Departments/Commissioners/Electric-Aggregation-Plan/Electrical-Aggregation-Plan-Cheshire-Community-Power.pdf
 - Lisa makes a motion that the Nelson Community Power Committee recommend to the BOS that Nelson join the Cheshire County Electricity Aggregation Plan, pending its approval by the Cheshire County Delegation in December of 2022. Second by Sandy.
 - Yes
 - Lisa
 - Mare Ann
 - Greg
 - Jon
 - Patsy
 - Bill
 - Sandy
- Discuss a potential Warrant Article
 - If we go with Cheshire County, we don't have to do a warrant article, but may choose to
 - Add the Eversource sentence to both versions of the Warrant article, and include that Eversource will continue to be responsible for restoring power during outages.
- Hearings?
 - If we go with Cheshire County, we do not have to have official Public Hearings.
 - We want to have information sessions in alignment with the Outreach Campaign for Cheshire County, which will be

at some point in 2023.

- It would be good to know when Cheshire County is anticipating that the Outreach Campaign will take place. Patsy asked and no dates are currently planned.
- Discuss draft committee report to be entered into the Town Report
 - [NCP Report for Town Report - Oct 16, 2022 - Google Docs](#)
 - We prefer the shorter version, with the addition of the missing names.
- Should we continue working on our EAP
 - Lisa says no, it looks like we don't need it if we go with Cheshire County, though we learned a lot from writing it.
 - All in agreement
- Motion to adjourn by Greg, second by Bill, at 3:35 PM

Next Meetings

- Tuesday November 1 2:30 PM
 - Report from BOS meeting
 - Review the Timeline

Completed Action Items

- Patsy
 - Ask Cheshire County who they use for electricity supply now, for their large users such as Maplewood
 - The County pays just under \$.16 KWh and purchases from one of the consultants we met with earlier in the year.
 - We need to confirm that there will be a 100% renewable option with Cheshire County
 - the County EAP will include default, more renewable, and 100% renewable options.
 - It would be good to know when Cheshire County is anticipating that the Outreach Campaign will take place.
 - The only other town they have met with besides us is Winchester's Board of Selectmen. HUB and SWRPC talking with other towns informally.
 - The question about when "outreach" would begin was not answered exactly; only to say that will begin once all of the approval hurdles have been cleared.
 - Make the full results of the survey available to the committee
- Lisa
 - Share the Vision and Mission of the new Energy Committee with this committee

Useful Links

- Our Draft Energy Aggregation Plan
 - docs.google.com/document/d/18KtihWHUubydITstIS84_Vf06fmmjy9ioXdwtViGnQM/edit#
- Cheshire County Draft EAP
 - co.cheshire.nh.us/wp-content/uploads/Departments/Commissioners/Electric-Aggregation-Plan/Electrical-Aggregation-Plan-Cheshire-Community-Power.pdf

- 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_2aDhfpj_/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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