



PELHAM COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: *Monday, August 7, 2023* **Time:** *7:00pm* **Location:** *Town Hall Conference Room*

I. ATTENDANCE

- a. *Brett Gagnon – X*
- b. *Sharon Jozokos – X*
- c. *Matt Rice*
- d. *Troy Bressette – X*

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. No one was present for public input.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss Liberty Utility request for Users Data

Mr. Gagnon updated the Committee on the request to Liberty Utilities, which he sent on July 28, 2023. Liberty representative, Jill Fitzpatrick, confirmed receipt of our request for town users' data and indicated that she is working on compiling it. By statute, Liberty has 30 days to fulfill the data request.

- b. Discuss the scheduling of interviews with third party suppliers

Mr. Gagnon confirmed the following slate of interviews with potential power partners (locations are TBD):

August 24 at 6:00PM – Colonial
September 7 at 6:00PM – Community Power Coalition of NH
September 21 at 6:00PM – Standard

As we already have the Joint Powers Agreement from CPCHN, Mr. Gagnon will reach out to Colonial and Standard to request their draft Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to review in advance of each respective interview.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ask Pelham Select Board for permission to have Administrator Roark sign contracts as necessary.

The Select Board will discuss this recommendation.

- b. Review CPCNH Joint Powers Agreement

Mr. Gagnon confirmed that Mr. Herndon of CPCNH has not responded to the Committee's questions we e-mailed him during our prior meeting. Mr. Bressette and Ms. Jozokos reiterated their hesitation regarding the timing of signing the JPA with CPCNH prior to conducting interviews with potential power partners. Mr. Gagnon indicated that he was scheduled with the BOS to present at their meeting on Tuesday, August 8th, about the JPA with CPCNH. The Committee reached a general consensus that, at a minimum, such presentation should not constitute a recommendation to join the Coalition by signing the JPA. In addition, the Committee indicated that we should hold-off



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requesting a review of the CPCNH JPA by Town Legal until such time we have received answers to our questions and have agreed on a recommended course of action.

c. Other Dialogue

Interview Questions

The Committee established the following further questions for the third-party interviews slated for the subsequent three meetings:

- What educational data is provided to consumers regarding price fluctuations in the energy supply rate?
- What additional benefits does the third party provide? (e.g. savings accounts for renewable energy projects by a municipality, etc...)

Mr. Bressette will compile all questions in a standard questionnaire document that the Committee will use for each of our interviews.

Timeline

Ms. Jozokos e-mailed the updated timeline to Committee members and suggested that we request this be posted on the Town website. Mr. Gagnon agreed to reach-out to Town IT Administrator, Brian Demers, to assist with this request. The Committee felt the benefits of having the timeline in the public view would be: help ensure accountability of the Committee to its goals, and also to allow the public to have long-term, on-going visibility of the Committee's actions and work.

V. **MEETING MINUTE REVIEW**

- a. Review minutes of July 12, 2023 and July 26, 2023.

As Mr. Bressette was not present for the July 12, 2023 meeting, and Ms. Jozokos was not present for the July 26, 2023 meeting, we tabled the review and approval of these minutes to ensure a quorum was present to vote on each set of meeting minutes.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bressette moved adjournment, which Ms. Jozokos seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

VII. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday, August 7, 2023 – 7:00PM
Thursday, August 24, 2023 – 6:00PM
Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 6:00PM
Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Bressette, Secretary
Pelham Community Power Committee