



PELHAM COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: *Thursday, July 26, 2023* **Time:** *6:00pm* **Location:** *Police Community Room*

I. ATTENDANCE

- a. *Brett Gagnon – X*
- b. *Sharon Jozokos*
- c. *Matt Rice – X*
- d. *Troy Bressette – X*
- e. *Heather Corbett (BoS) – X*

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:01PM. No one was present for public input.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss Liberty Utility request for Users Data

We discussed the prospective request to Liberty for Town of Pelham data. The requisite time for such request is, at a minimum, ten days following the Committee’s notification to the NH PUC. Those ten days were up as of Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Mr. Gagnon moved to send the request to Liberty, and Mr. Rice seconded. The Committee was unanimous in approving Mr. Gagnon to send this request.

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

We discussed scheduling interviews with the following third-party suppliers: CPCNH, Standard, and Colonial. Mr. Gagnon has reached out to all three noting the formation of our Committee, and our intent to schedule interviews in the near future. To maintain adherence to the timeline, we agreed to add a meeting to the end of August. Mr. Gagnon will work on scheduling these interviews during our regularly scheduled meetings. The Committee expressed a desire to have these interviews recorded and perhaps live-streamed, as these would be important resources for residents to be informed about the work of the Committee in the community power aggregation space.

Ms. Corbett agreed to reach out to PTV Coordinator, Jim Greenwood, to see if video-taping and/or live-streaming would be possible.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review Pro/Con List (Profit/non profit power partners)

This is a work-in-progress, though the Committee did discuss advantages and disadvantages of fixed- vs. variable (market) rate pricing. There may also be pros and cons relating to renewable and non-renewable energy options as well as any implications for small businesses.



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b. Review preliminary questions for third party power partners

Mr. Rice had e-mailed a preliminary list of questions for third-party service providers to Committee members on July 25, 2023. We discussed this list, which included the following:

- Can customers choose the percentage of renewable energy?
- How are rates determined?
- What customers can participate?
- Are there any restrictions on customers who have solar arrays?
- Is there assistance to customers who are in financial need?
- What other services can the power partner provide?
- What clauses exist to terminate the contract?
- What is the process if a Pelham resident opts-out but later changes his/her mind and wants to opt-in?

In addition, Mr. Bressette shared the following questions for the Committee's consideration:

- What is the entity's track record?
- How long in business?
- Extent of experience in New Hampshire?
- What references are you able to provide?
- Volume of accounts and number of customers served?
- How will the entity ensure it is equipped to respond to increased level of servicing associated with taking on another Town?
- What consumer complaint processes are in place? Is there information sharing with Town Officials to help ensure proper oversight and consumer protection?
- Does the use of an entity as a power partner also involve sub-providers? If so, what is the process for vetting sub-providers?

c. Other Dialogue

Mr. Bressette raised questions surrounding signing on with CPCNH, and is this the "Joint Power Agreement" at this early stage? If so, is it premature to do so, and what obligations does this entail? Mr. Rice asked if Pelham becomes a Coalition member but opts to go with a different power partner, would there be costs to Pelham by CPCNH once the Power Plan is in full effect? The Committee discussed these questions, and Mr. Gagnon sent an e-mail to Mr. Herndon of CPCNH to solicit responses.

V. MEETING MINUTE REVIEW

a. Review July 12, 2023 minutes

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



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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bressette moved adjournment, which Mr. Rice seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

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