



PELHAM COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 7, 2024 **Time:** 6:00pm **Location:** Town Hall Conference Room

I. ATTENDANCE

- a. Brett Gagnon - x
- b. Matt Rice - x
- c. Troy Bressette - x
- d. Sharon Jozokos - x
- e. Standard Power Representative, Theresa MacDowell - x

II. PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public were present for public input.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Article #9 – Community Power Election Results

Our Community Power Warrant Article passed with resounding support from voters. Specifically, 2,491 voted in favor (85.4%), 425 voted no.

Discussion of Next Steps

The Committee inquired about the status of the Public Utilities Commission review of Pelham’s Community Power Plan. Ms. MacDowell will look into this and get back to the Committee with an answer.

Ms. MacDowell indicated that she would likely do another pull of Liberty usage data for Pelham customers. This should also include the small number of Hudson-adjacent Pelham residents who are on Eversource as default supply. She will look into the prior data request and ensure that six months (minimum) have elapsed, as such requests can be no more frequent than once every six months.

Ms. MacDowell will also follow-up with the Committee on whether Pelham customers on Eversource supply can leverage the Hudson Community Power Plan. Mr. Gagnon will reach out to his contact in Hudson to learn whether they may have looked into this as well.



TOWN OF PELHAM

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The Committee discussed recent Community Power Plan launches, such as those in Jaffrey, Milford, and New Boston. Those communities locked in at approximately \$0.1068/KWh for a period of 20 months when Eversource default supply rate was at approximately \$0.126/KWh. Eversource subsequently dropped to \$0.086/KWh. Customers can opt-out of Community Power anytime; however, municipalities cannot do a widespread promotion of opting-out, as that could be a contravention of contract. The current Liberty supply rate is \$0.098/KWh, and last reset on February 1, 2024, with the next pricing adjustment slated for August 1, 2024 (every six months as required).

Once utility usage data is obtained, Standard will do some preliminary bid/pricing work, and will follow-up with the Committee to discuss timing and what the default level of renewable energy will be.

There are customer notification requirements, the timing of which is prescribed by statute. We could be looking at going live in/around June.

The Committee preliminarily discussed their thoughts on what the default level should be in town. No decisions were made, as the Committee agreed to wait until we have preliminary pricing data from Standard to further the dialogue. Ms. MacDowell indicated that the next level of additional renewable energy was written into the plan as a range of +1 to +10% beyond the state minimum of around 28%, and that the cost difference was minimal, generally around \$0.003/KWh.

Mr. Bressette left the meeting at 6:34PM due to another commitment.

V. MINUTES REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes for the January 31, 2024, with no noted revisions. Mr. Rice moved acceptance, Ms. Jozokos seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gagnon moved to adjourn, and Ms. Jozokos seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

VII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee will look at scheduling its next meeting the week of April 22, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Bressette, Secretary