



PELHAM COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 25, 2023 **Time:** 6:00pm **Location:** Town Hall Conference Room

I. ATTENDANCE

- a. *Brett Gagnon*
- b. *Matt Rice*
- c. *Troy Bressette*
- d. *Standard Power
Representatives, Theresa
MacDowell and Devon Atwell*

II. PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public were present for public input.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 5:58PM, with three members present, including Mr. Bressette, who attended telephonically. Sharon Jozokos was absent.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Continue Discussions on the Pelham Community Power Plan

The Committee had an all-encompassing dialogue surrounding the draft Community Power Plan, including the following areas:

- Green energy costs and variables
- Attachment requirements
- FAQ additional attachment
- Grammatical changes

Much of the dialogue on the Plan centered on the selection of the default rate and the appropriate mix of green energy. The Committee agreed to await final survey input and consider feedback from public hearings prior to making any decisions on this front.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Pelham Community Power Survey

Ms. MacDowell provided an overview of preliminary results from the Pelham Community Power Survey. Key points included the following:



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- The survey has had 130 individual responses to-date.
- Seventy-two percent of respondents are in favor of more green energy than the state required minimum as long as it is cheaper than the current utility default.
- 130 responses for a town with a population of approximately 14,000 is very high. Consider a city like Keene, with a population of over 23,000, which received a total of approximately 200 responses.

Mr. Bressette left the meeting at 6:32PM.

Discuss Public Hearings

The schedule of required public hearings is:

- November 14, 2023 at 6:35PM – Held in conjunction with a meeting of the Pelham Board of Selectmen.
 - November 20, 2023 at 1:00PM – Held at the Hobbs Community Center.
- Mr. Gagnon, along with a representative of Standard Power, will present at each of these Public Hearings. Other Committee members are encouraged to attend as their schedules permit.

Warrant Article Dialogue

The Committee reviewed and discussed two templates for the Community Power Warrant Article. The first option was more concise, whereas the second version provided more detail, but was longer. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of each approach, and did not finalize a decision for the preferred language.

Action Items

The Committee agreed that scheduling a meeting once both Public Hearings have been held would be beneficial. This will allow us to review the final survey results, discuss feedback from the hearings, finalize the Community Power Plan, and vote on the Power Plan to provide to the Board of Selectmen for their review and approval.

V. **MEETING MINUTE REVIEW**

Mr. Rice moved approval of the September 21, 2023 and September 28, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Gagnon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gagnon moved to adjourn, and Mr. Rice seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

VII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 6:00PM Town Hall Conference Room
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 6:35PM Sherburne Hall (Board of Selectmen's Meeting / Community Power Public Hearing)
- Monday, November 20, 2023 – 1:00PM Hobbs Community Center (Public Hearing)

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Bressette, Secretary

