

Town of Candia Community Power Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 22, 2022
Location: Town Office Building (Public Hearing)

Attendees: Kevin Coughlin (Chairman)
Dick Snow
Beth Chalbeck (absent)
William Saffie (absent)
Ryan Young (absent)
Brenda Coughlin (Zoom) (Secretary)
Emily Mann (Zoom) Standard Power

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Coughlin opened the meeting at 6:38 PM

Public Hearing Information

Kevin Coughlin provided the Recycle Committee a brief overview of what has been developed and created over the past several months, including presented to the BOS. Emily Manns attended via Zoom. She introduced herself. She has brought slides to share with explanation. (See attached web slides) She described the importance of public hearing to obtain feedback from town residents. She gave an overview of Standard Power and their role in the development of Candia's Power aggregate plan. She explained what community power is and how a residential plan would benefit the town residents with cost savings. Community Power will also be able to offer renewable energy plans. Residents will have choices and will select what they are comfortable. Surveys are taken into consideration for what the plan should include. The survey did show the majority of Candia residents would like lowest rate and surprised that many also would like renewables. There is no cost to the town or public, and there is no difference in rates if there is one or 2000 people in the program. She shared the progressive timeline the committee has been following. This is an OPT out program, but customers will be able to opt back in at any time they wish. She finished with asking for any questions? Al Couch asked if renewable energy is derived regionally or how far can it come from? Emily Manns states it should come from the New England grid, preferably from Candia or close by. Kevin Coughlin shared according to the timeline, a warrant article will be created, Standard Power will go to the PUC to get our plan approved, then Standard Power goes out to the market for bids and length of time for best price. Renewables would be offered at a higher price.

Next Meeting is January 12, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

With there being no further questions,

Kevin Coughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting
Dick Snow seconds motion
Motion Unanimously approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Submitted by: Brenda Coughlin, Secretary