

Town of Candia Community Power Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 8, 2023
Location: Town Office Building

Attendees: Kevin Coughlin (Chairman)
Dick Snow
William Saffie
Ryan Young (absent)
Brenda Coughlin (Zoom) (Secretary)
Emily Mann (Zoom) Standard Power
Beth Chalbeck (resigned from Committee 02/03/23)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Coughlin opened the meeting at 6:40 PM by a motion from Beth Chalbeck, second by William Saffie

Business Meeting

Kevin Coughlin shared that Beth Chalbeck was resigning from the committee on 02/03/23. Shared the Warrant Article #18 was approved to be moved to the voters at the deliberative session.

Emily Manns explained steps to take after the town vote. PUC will be next, which they have 60 days. There are six towns bringing plans to the PUC and if all approved Candia will be part of the six to go out to bid. She said the timeline shows we may get pricing as early as the summer but most likely the fall.

Kevin Coughlin discussed final draft looks good, there has been no changes since so all committee members need to take a final look and vote for this to be the plan

Aimee Jones (audience) asked could the BOS stall the plan if there are two BOS not in favor of the plan.

Kevin Coughlin asked if the BOS could decline the plan

Emily Manns stated the BOS has overall approval for any plans. We need their approval to be able to send the plan to the PUC. There is really no anticipation that the BOS will not support the program.

Kevin Coughlin asked for the motion to accept the draft community power plan as written we can vote.

William Saffie makes motion to accept the draft plan as written

Brenda Coughlin second motion

Motion unanimously approved

Emily Manns congratulated the committee and next step will wait for town vote, get the BOS approval and then the plan goes to the PUC.

Brenda Coughlin reminded when the plan was presented to the BOS they were favorable to the plan and when they reviewed the warrant articles they majority voted to move the article to the voters 3-2. This was a vote of approval

enough to send the plan to the PUC for approval and begin the 60-day review period.

Kevin Coughlin will provide Aimee Jones (library) & the Post Office the FAQ's handouts to share.

Steven Puderbaugh (audience) asked as they are about to sign for solar at their home he asked if he should OPT OUT.

Emily Manns explained if you consume more than you produce then you will get program rates less than the default and should come out financially ahead. It will really result in how much you produce and how much you consume to determine if plan works for you. The default customers will be looked at and considered how to support them as well. The point to the program is to provide rate relief.

Discussion ensued related to REC's (renewable Energy Credits), refer to audio

Kevin Coughlin asked for any outstanding or new business that needs to be addressed tonight. None.

1. Next steps:
2. Post update notices to FB page
3. Brenda to get date to Emily
4. FAQ's to be given to the library and Post Office for handouts.

Next Meeting is March 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

With there being no further business or questions,

William Saffie motioned to adjourn the meeting

Kevin Coughlin seconds motion

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Submitted by: Brenda Coughlin, Secretary