

Town of Candia Community Power Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 8, 2022
Location: Town Office Building

Attendees: Kevin Coughlin (Chairman)
Dick Snow
Beth Chalbeck
William Saffie (Vice Chairman)
Ryan Young (Present via Zoom @ 7pm)
Brenda Coughlin (Secretary)

Chairman Coughlin opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2022

Discussion: Dick Snow submitted recommendation for shortening written minutes to simply include names of attending members, a brief description of subject matter discussed, final decisions and reference to audio for further information. Handout shared.

Reviewed minutes, recommendation noted.
Brenda Coughlin motioned to approved amended minutes
William Saffie seconds motion
Motion to approve unopposed.

Old Business

Kevin Coughlin reviewed we have met with two interested aggregators to provide process guidance to our committee with developing a program for Candia. Decision for which company we will go forward with will go to a vote. Recommendation for partnering with Standard Power was taken.

Roll call vote results for Standard Power: Approve – 5; Opposed – 1.

New Business

Beth Chalbeck provided the results from the brief survey/poll placed on the FB Candia Awareness Group. For detail listen to audio.

Emily Manns and Ryan Polson accepted partnering on behalf of Standard Power out of Nashua have been the town energy consultant for five years. Emily shared an overview of what elements they will provide to bring success to our community program. More discussion around the process of development, town education, and timeline, also where the PUC is with approval of program rules. Standard Power has been working with Keene and they anticipate approval of that community plan by end of September. Further discussion around how NH Coop customers would fit into the community plan. Ryan said he will look further into how this would work. Presentation was provided to community residents in attendance. See audio for detail and community questions for Standard Power.

Timeline to be developed after first important step of a community survey. Discussion around placing key questions via Survey Monkey on Community FB page. Kevin will organize this with Emily's guidance. Kevin will reach out to BOS for guidance on who signs contracts and if a waiver needs to be presented to the town.

The question of who the actual aggregator will be, whether it is the committee or buying

from one. Dick Snow referred to Keene contract. He feels the committee should be a municipal aggregator. The survey is important to get a representative sample of what the community really wants. The survey should be located on the committee web page to capture people who aren't on FB. The survey also is part of the outreach and to help determine what the default product.

Next Steps:

1. Get survey on community page, QR Code on committee web site and if time allows investigate free papers such as the Forum or Hooksett Banner, etc.
2. Refine timeline
3. Identify when warrant article needs to be submitted
4. Poster/Flyer design

Next Meeting is October 15, @ 6:30 PM

With there being no further business,

Beth Chalbeck motioned to adjourn the meeting

William Saffie seconds motion

Motion Unanimously approved. Minus Ryan Young who left meeting via zoom @ 7:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Submitted by: Brenda Coughlin, Secretary