

Approved Waterville Valley Community Power Program Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023 4:00PM
Location: Remote

1. Call meeting to Order at 4:04 by Kim Rawson
2. Attendance
 - a. Members Present: Alan Berko, Kelly Cannon, Linda Coleman, Irit Levy, David McCabe, Kim Rawson, Terry Roper,
 - b. Others Present: Bob Hayden of Standard Power
3. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes 2.23.2023. Irit motions to approve. Alan seconds. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. Privilege of the Floor - None
5. Community Power Program Committee Work
 - a. Waterville Valley Community Power Plan Update
 - i. The Community Power Plan was sent to PUC
 - ii. Bob: The market has become dynamic, the timing has become more critical.
 1. Moving forward we can expect a group zoom with us and maybe 6 Towns, (additional signer pre-identified) 4-5 days before the signed rate there will be a meeting.
 2. The early adopters are negotiating the pathway for us. The first group is still in the evolutionary stage.
 3. Kim: How does WV offer the option of a reserve account?
 - a. Bob: It can be introduced anytime. An amount can added to the rate 2/10 cent or 3/10 per cent per kWh, for example, ideally from the beginning. (SP is working on adding net metering benefit.)

Kim: Are test wind turbines still a consideration? Turbines have changed to be more acceptable.

Bob: SP is working on the trash can sized turbine. There's no external spinning mechanism, it's internal. It's under the experimental stage. Do we want to test out new technology or go with regular technology and test the community's taste to endure it?

 - b. The Inflation Reduction Act changes the way the tax credits are divided to schools and towns. Now the IRA does direct pay 30% of the cost to schools and Towns, for the next 10 years. Now, the ability to bond and get payment directly is a viable option. It changes the opportunity for Towns. Can the future project capture some of the bonding capacity in WV? (a question for Mark)
 - c. If a solar project is using net metering then the project

would have to be in the community. Others do not, like hydro. Each level of the project has different rules and laws.

d. Very difficult to get a new license for hydro.

Bob Hayden left the meeting

b. Community Power Committee Governance

i. The committee may become more formal.

c. Information Sharing With Public mailers, flyers etc.

i. Terry: Include information in water/sewer bill, with progress and reserve funding reasoning

ii. Irit: In favor of reserve fund for solar, the sooner the better

iii. Alan: Provide residents with easy to understand numbers such as for every \$100.00, a small amount like \$1.00 goes to the reserve fund. Snow on solar panels is not a dealbreaker. Ask Mark to plan by a professional engineer where to put solar (renewable energy) in the master plan for the new plant.

iv. Terry: It could be that wind power is more effective than solar.

v. Irit: The future of the new transfer station discussion is going to be tomorrow at the SelectBoard meeting.

d. Public Hearings - No Report

6. Other Committee Work - No Report

7. Next Meeting Date

a. April 27, 2023 @4pm

8. Adjournment at 4:59pm

Topic: WV Community Power Meeting

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