

Approved Waterville Valley Community Power Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2022 4:30PM

1. Meeting called to Order at 4:30pm by Kim Rawson
2. Attendance
 - a. Members present: Kim Rawson, Linda Coleman, Terry Roper, Dave McCabe, Irit Levy, Kelly Cannon, Mark DeCoteau
 - b. Emily Manns and Theresa from Standard Power
 - c. Other present: Claire Helfman
3. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes 12.22.2022 tabled until next meeting
4. Privilege of the Floor - None
5. Community Power Program Committee Work
 - a. Public Hearing Feedback Presentation
 - i. Two public hearings were held
 - ii. The committee reviewed and considered the title “Community Power Plan”. A community member conveyed at the public hearing that “power” may be construed to be something other than electric power specifically. A change in name may help better explain to people what it really means.
 - iii. The name “WV Electric Power Plan” will be used pending its meeting regulatory requirements and Town Counsel for legal sufficiency.
 - b. Draft Community Power Program Plan -
 - i. The draft document was reviewed/revised.
 - ii. Emily confirms the SelectBoard approval is wanted.
 - iii. The language in the warrant article will need to reflect the language on the plan, “WV Electric Power Plan”.
 - iv. Pending title adjustments to WV Electric Power Plan including fixing the table and inserting a line that reads that it is our Community Power Plan, Kelly moves to accept the WV Electric Power Plan. Irit seconds. Motion passes by unanimous show of hands vote.
 - c. Information Sharing With Public
 - i. Committee will continue to do community outreach, through social media and conversations with community members
 - ii. Emphasizing all the Towns are participating already in a community power plan is important.
 - iii. Mark will let the committee know where and when the plan will be presented to the Town.
 - d. Upcoming Community Power Events
 - i. The last week of February, Tom Prendergast has offered to host a Jugtown get-together to discuss the WV Electric Power Plan with

residents.

6. Other Committee Work

- a. The LED bulb incentive that closed 12.31.2022 only had 16 people participate. There were some technological barriers to its success.
- b. The current Solar Tax Exemption in WV is used for heating and cooling of the house only. The warrant article proposed 2023 expands the exemption from just heating and cooling to all solar power systems. The Town has the option to choose what % of assessment value to exempt.
 - i. Linda relays the majority of towns having the solar tax exemption use 100%. Some have a dollar per kilowatt hour used cap. Another that had the cap, Keene, removed it.
 - ii. Irit makes a motion to approve recommending 100% property tax exemption for solar to the SelectBoard. Terry seconds. The motion carries by unanimous show of hands vote.
- c. This Shall the town readopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes.
- d. NOTE: This article is required because the NH Legislature recently changed solar system eligibility criteria for tax exemption.

7. Next Meeting Date Thursday February 23, 2023 @ 4:30pm

- a. In March a different day will be chosen to better accommodate committee member schedules.

8. Adjournment at 5:32 pm

Topic: WV Community Power Meeting

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