

# Waterville Valley Community Power Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 8.17.2023 4:00PM

Location: Teleconference

1. Call meeting to Order by Kim Rawson at 4:00pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Members present: Linda Coleman, Irit Levy, Terry Roper, Alan Berko, Mark Decoteau
  - b. Standard Power: Emily Manns
3. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes 6.15.2023
  - a. Irit moves to approve 6.15.2023 draft meeting minutes. Alan seconds. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
4. Privilege of the Floor
  - a. Kim: NH Saves is offering \$30 to recycle old air conditioners.
5. Community Power Program Committee Work
  - a. Emily Manns: The timeline is to ask for utility pricing at the beginning of September, with a favorable market (prices for a fixed contract), a launch could be December 1. Standard Power has all three utilities in the group and a desirable buying group size. If the market is not favorable, it will be rebid in Spring 2024. The current NHEC rate is 11. 4kWh and Emily feels there is a good likelihood a better rate could be found.
    - i. Terry: During the lock in period if NHEC prices drop, a person can drop out and rejoin. Usually, when there is savings, people stay.
  - b. SelectBoard approved the PUC approved update.
  - c. Plan Process Update
    - i. Kim: Next step. Emily will work with Mark to get the anonymous usage data requested from NHEC in September. Emily: Will send updates to the committee.
  - d. Business participation
    - i. If people are already locked into other rate contracts already saving money, they are not automatically enrolled in community power.. If community power ends up being less expensive, they may enroll.
  - e. Community Power reserve account - no report
  - f. Information sharing update
    - i. The Community Power Facebook page has been launched
    - ii. Add Jan Stearns weekly email to information sharing
    - iii. Tabling Getting to Know the Valley 9.3 1-3pm at Town Square
      1. Alan has a table reserved. Kim & Irit will be there 1:30-2:30pm.
  - g. Public Hearings - no report
6. Other Committee Work
  - a. Test turbine
    - i. Mark: Mark and Bob Hayden discussed a test wind turbine. If there

is a solution that can be mounted on the maintenance building, he is open to it.

- b. Potential WV solar sites
    - i. Kim will be following up on this with Mark.
  - c. Zoning for renewable energy
    - i. There is a planning board subcommittee working on zoning language for electric vehicle chargers, wind turbines, and solar.
  - d. Solar Tax Credit participation
    - i. The Town sent out information to property owners to take advantage of Town solar tax credit. With some existing solar panel owners, solar needs to be itemized separately on the property record card, but it is not yet done. These solar panel Owners should contact Town Hall to take advantage of the tax credit. Mark will work on wording for CPC social media to communicate this.
    - ii. Solar is being considered for the new sewer treatment plant.
7. Next Meeting Date: September 28, 2023 @ 4pm
8. Adjournment at 4:50pm