

Approved Waterville Valley Energy Committee/ Community Power Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:30PM  
Location: Remote

1. Meeting called to order by Kim Rawson at 4:31 pm
2. Take attendance and introductions
  - a. Members Present: Terry Roper, Alan Berko, Irit Levy, Kelly Cannon, Linda Coleman, Mark Decoteau
  - b. Others Present: Emily Manns (Standard Power), Bob Hayden (Standard Power), Steve Gaudette, Danielle & Jon Panichella
3. Approve last meeting's minutes 5.19.2022
  - a. Kelly motions to approve the 5.19.2022 Meeting Minutes. Irit seconds. Meeting minutes are accepted by unanimous voice vote.
4. Privilege of the Floor - None
5. Community Power Committee Work
  - a. Linda presented at the 6.15.2022 WVRA meeting to ask for business representation developing the Community Power Plan. Only 2% of the survey results were from business. This extra effort is to include Town business to be heard and represented.
    - i. The Next WVRA next meeting July 20, 2022 at the Valley Inn. At this meeting, the Community Power Committee should be on the agenda. Terry Roper will try to attend for CPC representation.
    - ii. Bob Hayden: The Public Utility Commission has scheduled a hearing to release or review proposed Community Power rules July 5th. In 2019, there was a law passed to make community power to make it an opt out not opt in program. Eversource put in HB315 which was detrimental to the process. In 2020 the Public Utilities Commission and Science & Technology Energy Committee put together a set of Rules that were overwhelmingly approved. There was no other bill supported by both the Democrats and Republicans that year. The Governor signed the bill Aug 26 with 60 days to implement it. At the same time, there was also a bill that split the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Department of Energy (DOE). Some PUC employees moved to DOE, some left. The rule making that was supposed to take 60 days has taken over 10 months.
  - b. Kim will work on Handout for July 4th on Community Power to increase awareness of residents.
    - i. There are huge increases in electricity costs bring projected so there may be high community interest in Community Power
      1. Bob: More than 100% increase in supply cost coming to NH for Until and Eversource, the regulated utilities. NHEC layers rates over time so it may not be so dramatic. The primary driver of electricity cost is natural gas. During the last 8-10 years, natural gas was relatively cheap. Because of that, it was easy to phase out other sources of fuel like biomass in NH. The market has gone from being a domestic market to an international market. The price is a function of how much liquid and compressed natural gas we can produce and how much we can export. The price of natural gas spiked up. One of the 6 plants in Texas blew up. In the 10 days after,

the price went up 30%. The dynamic nature of the world market has an effect. The former backups like biomass that would have stabilized the rate no longer exist.

2. Possibly set up on Packard Field for Family Fun Day. Mark will let Rec Dept know. Kim will check with the front desk at Town Square to be sure we are all set to set up a pop up July 4th.
3. Bob: Folks want more renewable energy. The Rules say solar anywhere in NHEC territory could be used to benefit our program. We are in the beginning of the planning process. There is a greater benefit if it's in Town, but that is difficult in Waterville Valley. The Rules of group net metering from 1-5 megawatt has to be in the municipality it's serving. That does not extend to CP. Group net metering is not available to CP. The power a facility generates can be integrated into the Towns power stack. The electricity can be captured the energy and the REC's so we are greener than we were before. The greenness is in the Rec's not the electrons.
4. Is microwind an option? Federal projects are available for wind according to the established map. Waterville Valley has a good opportunity for wind? The benefit of delivery of wind offshore is it can't be seen. Utilities can benefit at a rate of 10% per dollar spent. The WMNF would have to have wind as an allowed use. Kim will send WMNF contact to Bob. Permitting process would take at least 3 years.
- c. Tim Smith relayed WVR, most likely, cannot participate in community power as they already negotiate rates.
- d. Recycling Update - Irit suggests repeating recycling information into water bill, concerned that townsfolk think we are recycling because there are blue bins in the post office. Irit supports a gate at the transfer station. Mark: Basic items like tires and metal are recycled because there is no storage. Paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum we don't have a facility or land for it yet. Down the road we may have land to do that.
6. Master Plan Update - Mark: The committee will be able to review it and suggest changes after on the Planning Board draft. The infrastructure is all caveated until the existing lagoons are taken out of service.
  - a. Bob: This is the first time ever power from renewables will cost less across the board than brown power. If the shortage continues, the build out will be renewables because they are less expensive. Solar is cheaper right now. Times have changed.
7. EV Charging Infrastructure - Linda
  - a. Nine condominium associations and lodges have expressed interest in installing ev chargers and would want to be a part of a group RFP.
    - i. Can it be from the Town as part of the public/private partnership? Yes, Mark will collaborate
  - b. REC to present Selectboard financials to request support
8. Alan: Can a Town Planner be hired to look at how to best utilize the land ...employee housing, ev charging stations, recycling to be addressed with the Planning Board.
9. NHEC/ LED Bulb Incentive- Linda
  - a. NHEC is still working to have a program with the most impact on the residents of WV. NHEC will email next week.

10. Solid Waste Update - Mark: In progress.
11. Wigwag - Irit: New chargers in Tilton not in a bank- instead on different corners.
  - a. Terry: Also Tesla bank at the Dunkin Donuts in Tilton, Ashland and Lincoln
12. Next meeting 8.28.2022 @ 4:30pm
13. Adjournment at 5:56pm