

# Community Power Committee

## October 9, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

#### Citizens' Hall, Lyndeborough, NH

Draft 1

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Mike Kaply, Liz Smith, Goff Brock, Ray Humphreys, and Robert Hayden

Not present: Leo Trudeau,

The survey was mailed U.S. Postage the public and arrived about later this week.

**VOTE Geoff Brock, move to hold a public hearing in the evening of November 15, 2023 at 7:00pm and either Tuesday, November 14, 2023 or Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the J.A. Tarbell library during the day. Mike Kaply seconded. Motion passed. 5-0.**

There is no specific number of meetings required for this process. The goal was 8 meetings.

Feedback: The Wilton Facebook page brought up that some residents who use solar power was upset that they were switched and about net metering. They tried to talk to everyone individually. It was suggested to be on the plan in the winter and off the plan in the summer.

Flag on Eversource data is 80% right.

Ray Humphreys said he is interested in the outcome of the first survey question regarding money vs green. Bob Hayden said that about 10% of the people say money. Eversource is remiss they have the data out there. It is the unspecified to the system they use. Eversource needs some improvement in their computer systems.

Bob Hayden said people who have solar, are "my people" because I've been in solar for a long time. He rebuilds old hydro plants. In his opinion, if someone spent money to build solar, we want to counsel them. They are trying to network and talk to as many people as possible.

Liz Smith spoke regarding the Wilton post. She saw, "Who made the decision to switch me?" She sympathized with them now after being involved here. Who are we to sever a contract?

The recent Eversource bill informed customers there will be rate increase.

Go over agreement to approve the community plan.

Last revision is July 31 and included Mike's corrections, Theresa fixed grammatic questions. Ray's questions were answered previous meeting. Geoff Brock said his questions were the same as Ray's.

Liz Smith referenced page 12 6.c does this mean and page 16. 'competitive supplier...default server'. Bob Hayden said that clearly defines eligibility. She wanted to know where the "with" attached to.

Will sweep the data every month and some of the contracts are indefinite and they could get lost. We can counsel them to terminate the other contract when entering the plan. We offer them to send us the contract to review and identify if there is an early termination fee. That has been our process, throw humans on it until we get enough information from the utility. We are working with them.

ESA = Electrical Services Agreement. In the end, that is the contract we give to the designated signatory and give him that contract a week ahead so he can call an attorney or piggyback on another attorney.

Have some things to fill in on the historical overview.

Does the public utility commission still exist? Was it defunded? Bob Hayden said, absolutely not. We split the PUC and the Department of Energy is in charge of energy and matters than energy. The DOE has changed.

Mike Kaply asked if the Selectmen look at it.

**VOTE: Mike Kaply made a motion, Ray Humphreys seconded to approve the plan.  
Motion passed 5-0.**

Liz Smith asked what is the next step? Bob Hayden said that an affirmative vote at Town Meeting give the Selectboard the right to proceed.  
It was asked if Lyndeborough can create committee to look at options to look at community power to reduce cost and look at green."

**Next meetings:**

**Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 or Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the J.A. Tarbell library during the day**

**Wednesday, Public Hearing on Wednesday at 7:00pm**

**Agenda items:**

Review of survey findings.

Review of the public meeting plan outline.

Where are we going in the future? Will this continue? Education?

**Action Items for Chairman:**

Talk to the office about noticing the public hearings.

Talk with library to schedule the daytime meeting.

Provide the Board of Selectmen and update on the plan.

**Minutes:**

There are three sets in draft minutes form on the website.

**VOTE: Liz Smith made a motion, Mike Kaply seconded to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes. Motion passed 4-0-1. Goeff Brock abstained.**

**VOTE: Ray Humphreys made a motion, Liz Smith seconded to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes. Motion passed 4-0-1. Goeff Brock abstained.**

**VOTE: Mike Kaply made a motion, Geoff Brock seconded to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Humphreys  
Minute Taker