

1 **Community Power Committee**
2 **November 16, 2023**
3 **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**
4 **J.A. Tarbell Library, Lyndeborough, NH**
5 Draft 1

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7 Chairman Mike Kaply called the Public Hearing to order at 12:05 p.m.
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9 Members Present: Chairman Mike Kaply and Bob Hayden
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11 No community members attended. Monadnock Ledger Reporter Ashley Saari attended.
12 *Article printed Nov. 21, 2023 at Ledger-transcript.com, Lyndeborough plans for community*
13 *power warrant.*
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15 An informational handout was available and will be put on the Town's website.
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17 The committee reviewed the handout with Ashley Saari.
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19 Community Power Purpose: RSA 53 E:1, to provide access to competitive markets for suppliers
20 of electricity and related energy services. Provide small customers similar opportunities to
21 those available to larger customers, in obtaining lower electric costs, reliable services, and
22 secure energy supply. Encourage voluntary, cost effective and innovative solutions to local
23 needs with careful consideration of local conditions and opportunities.
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25 Municipality procures electricity supply for residents and small businesses but does not take
26 ownership of the power. Eversource continues to provide all delivery, emergency, and billing
27 services including the same work crew. For the customer, stable competitive rates, consumer
28 protections, attractive program choices, and the impact of a Green Program Default.
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30 Variable terms can be selected. Some contracted communities selected 30-months or 20-
31 months, which can give better rates than the utility provider.
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33 Standard Power supports renewable energy. Net-metering and solar energy was discussed.
34 They would like to consider adding micro-wind to net-metering. Bob Hayden said the cost of
35 renewable energy is less than traditional power in many cases. Mix renewable energy choices.
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37 Community participation and the opportunity for education is key to this program. Community
38 Power offers "net-metering consultation". Examples were provided. From 2017 it went from
39 NM1 to NM2. NM1 is more generous. The only thing is the bill fee. It changed in 2018 to 25%
40 distribution. For that person in N2 who makes 75%, they are better on community power in
41 winter and not on in the summer.
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43 Communities are joined to buy at 100 million KW hours for buying cheap electricity.
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48 **Lyndeborough's Survey Results are on page 7 of the handout:**

49 59% would like more renewals if it cost less.

50 14% happy pay the same.

51 8% happy to pay more for 100% renewable.

52 19% do not want renewable.

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54 They have a plan ready to submit to the PUC and will be ready for Town Meeting discussion.

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56 Ashley Saair asked if anyone is looking at the legislation level to change the buying date and
57 make the window longer, switch time of year for buying electricity and not be a fixed 6-months.

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59 **Minutes:**

60 No minutes were reviewed and the Committee did not vote on the draft minutes from the
61 previous evening, Nov. 15, 2023. They were available for the website immediately after that
62 meeting.

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64 **VOTE: Mike Kaply made a motion, Bob Hayden seconded to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.**

65 **Motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

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67 Respectfully Submitted,

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72 Kathleen Humphreys
73 Minute Taker
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