



TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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Pembroke Energy Committee November 29, 2022 6:30 PM

1. Call to order & attendance
2. Review and acceptance of October 25, 2022 minutes
3. Review action items
4. Upcoming meetings and updates
5. Warrant Article
6. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 18:34

Attendees in person: Richard Wengenroth, Matt Miller, Jackie Wengenroth

Absent: Pentti Aalto, JJ Smith, Richard Bean

October 25, 2022 meeting minutes--minutes were not prepared for review.

Action Item Review

1. Energy Committee update for Richard Bean is not prepared.
2. November 1, 2022 Community Power public meeting was successfully conducted with 21 attendees not including the Energy Committee. Additionally, Henry Herndon from CPCNH participated.

Upcoming Meetings

1. December 6, 2022 meeting to update the School Board on Community Power Plan and activities.
2. December 21, 2022 Select Board meeting to introduce two options for the Community Power Plan warrant article.
3. December 8, 2022 CPCNH Risk Management Committee Public Deliberative session to review drafts of the Cost Sharing Agreement, Energy Portfolio Risk Management Policy, Financial Reserve Policy, and Rate Setting Policy. Karen Yeaton has expressed interest in participating in this meeting.

Warrant Article Drafting:

1. Two drafts of the Community Power Warrant Article were prepared. The formats are similar, although one has a more expansive description of the Community Power Plan. We do need to learn whether other committees besides the Energy Committee may record their support level for the warrant article that finally goes into the Town Meeting.
2. **Basic version:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Pembroke Community Power Plan, finalized November 1, 2022 by the Pembroke Energy Committee, and to further authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Pembroke Community Power, and to take all action in furtherance of, the Pembroke Community Power Plan, pursuant to RSA 53-E.

Majority vote required. Recommended by the Select Board by vote of X-Y.

Unanimously recommended by Energy Committee

School Board recommended X-Y

3. **Informative version:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Pembroke Community Power Plan, finalized November 1, 2022 by the Pembroke Energy

Committee, and to further authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Pembroke Community Power, and to take all action in furtherance of, the Pembroke Community Power Plan, pursuant to RSA 53-E.

The Community Power Plan includes a more flexible electricity procurement mechanism than NH utilities and thus is expected to provide lower electricity rates. Additionally, the Plan will provide local involvement in electricity procurement and development of energy initiatives and offerings that are of interest to Pembroke.

The Pembroke Community Power Plan includes an Opt-out enrollment mechanism. All residential electricity customers currently on utility default electricity supply will receive a mailing at least 30 days prior to launch that they will be enrolled in the program at a specified electricity rate unless they notify CPCNH that they will Opt-out of the program. Residential customers already on a competitive electricity supply alternative will be notified how to Opt-in to the program. All residents may leave or join the Pembroke Community Power program at no cost, any time. Additionally, the program will not launch unless the electricity rate is equal to or less than the default utility electricity rate.

Majority vote required. Recommended by the Select Board by vote of X-Y.

Unanimously recommended by Energy Committee

School Board recommended X-Y

4. A vote was taken regarding whether the Energy Committee recommends that the two warrant article drafts be presented to the Select Board on December 21. By a 3-0 vote, the Energy Committee agreed to recommend that both warrant article drafts be presented to the Select Board. The Energy Committee prefers the "Informative Version" and needs Select Board input regarding which version is most appropriate for Town Meeting.

Action Item Summary

1. Matt to send Karen Yeaton and Richard Bean links to the CPCNH policy documents and cost sharing agreement drafts plus the draft Pembroke Community Power warrant article.
2. Matt to prepare a draft of Dec 6 Community Power update for the School Board and share with Energy Committee for input.
3. Richard W. to ask David Jodoin about format for warrant article introduction in Town Meeting (how many minutes for brief presentation introduction, may Energy Committee answer questions that meeting participants raise, how to get a one page hand out into the Town Meeting booklet?).

4. Matt to bring the proposed Capital Improvement Plan to the next monthly meeting so the committee can identify energy opportunities.

Next meeting will be in January, date TBD at 18:30 in the Pembroke Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:36