



# TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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## **Pembroke Energy Committee February 10, 2023 5:00 PM**

1. Call to order & attendance
2. Review and acceptance of Jan 10, 2023 meeting minutes
3. Chickering Meadows Condo update
4. Community Power update
5. Town Meeting preparation
6. Adjournment

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting started at 17:03

Attendees in person: Richard Wengenroth, Matt Miller, Jackie Wengenroth, JJ Smith, Pentti Aalto

Absent: Richard Bean

### Meeting Minutes Acceptance

1. The January 10, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

### Chickering Meadows Condo association update

Matt Miller met with Chickering Meadows Condominium association and owners on February 8, 2023 to discuss some aspects of solar systems. A slideset was prepared for the meeting:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tn\\_bLvdO98p8DRxv\\_XQWzE807vnydnbykojF-NTICGk/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tn_bLvdO98p8DRxv_XQWzE807vnydnbykojF-NTICGk/edit#slide=id.p)

Their primary interest was developing some of their land for a solar power installation that could generate money for them to offset condominium fees. The Pembroke Energy Committee had an extended discussion on the general topic including suggestions from Pentti and JJ about how the condo association can get more value from a leased solar plant. The energy committee agreed that we should stay in contact with the condo association in order to learn and help them go through their due diligence process. The main contact with Chickering Meadows is Dave Boucher, one of the condominium owners.

### Community Power Update

1. Two public meetings are upcoming to help residents understand the community power warrant article that will be voted upon during the March 18 Pembroke Town Meeting.
  - a. February 15 in the Pembroke town library meeting room starting at 17:30.
  - b. March 7 in the Pembroke Academy auditorium starting at 18:30.
2. There was general agreement that PEC should host a booth at the entrance to the March 11 Pembroke School budget meeting.
3. PEC will host a booth at the entrance to the March 18 town meeting and deliver a brief (<3 minute) elevator pitch meeting to introduce the Community Power warrant article.
4. Jackie updated the status of the contracts between CPCNH and the NH utilities. Bottom line is that the utilities are unable or unwilling to meet their obligations under the new administrative rules for electric aggregation plans, RSA 53.E. Work to resolve the obstacles that prevent customer data exchange with CPCNH is ongoing.
5. There is a template that needs to be signed by Pembroke and supplied to the PUC declaring a committee to prepare Pembroke's Electric Aggregation Plan.

### Town Meeting Preparation

- 1) Matt and Richard to work up a draft elevator pitch to introduce the warrant article.
- 2) Confirm with Tom Serafin that we would like a few minutes to introduce the warrant article.

- 3) Prepare answers for anticipated questions, especially ones that may be against the warrant article in its current form
  - a) Questions or statements against the economies of scale benefit of the opt-out enrollment mechanism.
  - b) Misperceptions that unelected officials can change everyone's electricity plan.
  - c) Explanation of the next steps for Pembroke after the town vote, in the case of community power plan approval.
  - d) other...

#### Action Item Summary

1. Matt Miller to confirm the start time of the Feb 15 meeting (17:30 in Pembroke Library)
2. Richard to get permission for an Energy Committee booth at town meeting and school meeting.
3. Matt to prepare a draft of an elevator pitch and circulate for comments.

Next meeting TBD in the Pembroke Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 18:22