



**Town of Plaistow, NH  
Energy Committee  
Community Power Committee  
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 2, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 5:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Moore, EComm *Chair*, Community Power Committee (CPC)  
Peter Bealo, EComm *Vice Chair*, CPC, *excused*  
Gerry Marchand, EComm, CPC  
Walter Proctor, EComm, CPC  
Liz Kosta, CPC  
Jon Gifford, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

Also present: Theresa MacDowell, *Standard Power (Community Power)*; Cab Vinton, *Plaistow Public Library Director (arrived 5:20pm)*; and Dee Voss, *Planning Department Administrative Assistant*

**Agenda Item 3: Community Power – Theresa MacDowell, Standard Power**

Theresa MacDowell, Standard Power, was present for the discussion.

T. MacDowell provided an update on the CPC Survey, noting that 106 responses had been received as of this meeting.

There was discussion regarding the current rates and when rates would be reviewed prior to the signing of a contract. It was noted that April 1, 2024, is still a viable launch date for the program.

There was discussion regarding the timeline for a public hearing with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and it was noted that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) would need to approve the Community Power Plan prior to the hearing.

T. MacDowell provided a draft of a Mission Statement for the CPC, noting the language has been accepted by the PUC for other community's plans.

T. Moore offered that once the Plan was in place there could be discussion about including the school district.

There was discussion about the school hours versus residential hours, and that sometimes the schools can get a better deal on their own.

*C. Vinton arrived at 5:20p.m.*

The consensus was that the proposed Mission Statement was okay and can be updated to the Plan.

There was discussion regarding the different plans (green vs. basic) that would be available to the residents. It was noted that residents would be given their own choice.

T. MacDowell noted that the mailer that residents would receive would list all options and note which is the default option, and that they could change at any time without penalty. It was noted that this was a change from the previous "opt-in" laws which resulted in 95% of those eligible not doing anything.

There was discussion about the pricing that the towns who are farther along in the process are seeing, nothing that the rates had recently dropped \$0.12. It was anticipated that there would be a rise again before winter.

C. Vinton noted that the Library had a rate of \$0.113 and a choice of 12-, 24- or 36-month terms.

T. MacDowell offered that the rates would be looked at again prior to Plaistow deciding on a term.

There was additional discussion of current and predicted rates.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Review & Approval of Minutes**

***★ G. Marchand moved, second by W. Proctor, to approve the minutes from June 7, 2023. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 U/A.***

#### **Agenda Item 4: Solar RFP**

The Solar Request for Proposals (RFP) was approved by the Board of Selectmen and will be posted.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Solar Ordinance Review**

An updated draft of the proposed amendments to the Solar Collection Systems Ordinance, that included the comments from the members, was provided to the Committee. The Commercial 3 zoning district has been added to the table of permitted uses also.

***★ G. Marchand moved, second by W. Proctor, to recommend that the Planning Board include the proposed changes to the Solar Collection Systems Ordinance as part of their annual review of Zoning Amendments. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 U/A.***

#### **Agenda Item 6: Old Business**

There was no old business before the committees at this meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 7: New Business**

There was no new business before the committees at this meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Correspondence, Other Business**

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss  
Administrative Assistant