



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

**ENERGY COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE POWER COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 16, 2023**

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Tim Moore, *EComm Chair & Community Power Committee (CPC)*
Peter Bealo, *EComm Vice Chair and CPC, excused*
Gerry Marchand, *EComm and CPC*
Walter Proctor, *EComm and CPC*
Liz Kosta, *CPC (left at 5:30 p.m.)*
Jon Gifford, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio, excused*
Jay DeRoche, *Alternate Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

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

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

Review of the minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

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

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

T. MacDowell noted 123 responses to the Community Power Survey. She offered a graph that illustrated the answers to Question 4 of the survey, which is the question that asks what residents would be looking for. Lower rates, and price stability were the highest responses, but there were significant responses for green energy as well. There were also pie charts provided with responses to some of the other survey questions. The information will be incorporated into the Plan prior to the next meeting.

It was asked how many businesses versus residential responses there were. It was noted that only business reportedly responded to the survey.

There was discussion regarding the change in dates for the Public Information nights. The new dates will be September 21st and 27th, 6:30 p.m., at the Plaistow Public Library. T. MacDowell will put something together that can be posted to Facebook and the Town's website. There was also a discussion about asking if a local taco truck might be available for either or both nights.

It was noted that the survey would remain open until after the second Public Information Night.

There was discussion regarding the deadline to file with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and when to provide the Board of Selectmen with a final draft of the Plan for their approval.

There was discussion of where other communities are in the process and when they will be finalizing rates.

L. Kosta left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 4: Old Business

There was no old business before the Committees.

Agenda Item 5: New Business

a. Landfill Solar – Walden Renewables

D. Voss noted information that had been received from Walden Renewables regarding a ~5 Mw solar array on the Town's Landfill. It was noted that the prior company that expressed interest hadn't been in contact for a while.

C. Vinton asked if this was solicited information or was this a cold call. It was noted that it was a cold call.

D. Voss was directed to invite Walden Renewables to the September 6, 2023, meeting to make a presentation, but to let them know that they were limited in time to 15-20 minutes.

Agenda Item 6: Correspondence, Other Business

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss
Administrative Assistant