

Campton Climate Advisory Committee

November 10, 2022 – 6:30 pm

Minutes

Present, 11/9/2023: Chair Rita Sebastian; Bill Sebastian, Stephanie Osborne, Gale Johnk, Sherrill Howard, Suellen Skinner. Unanimous Voting to approve minutes.

Present for In-House vote, with Quorum at 1/11/2023 meeting, Suellen Skinner, Sherrill Howard, Bill Sebastian, Rita Sebastian. Unanimous Voting to approve minutes.

Guests: Presenter on Community Power- Jo-Ellen Courtney, a member of a local energy committee and board member of CPCNH, Samantha Morris from neighboring Springfield NH, and two 10th-grade students from Plymouth High School Civics Class

The meeting opened with a presentation on the New Hampshire Community Power Coalition and Enfield's history of involvement. Joe-Ellen explained that state law (2019 RSA 53: E) changed in 2019 to allow New Hampshire towns and cities to adopt community power programs, which let local governments procure electricity on behalf of their residents. There are 23 towns that have joined so far.

In other states, this initiative has helped ratepayers save money and develop a more renewable energy system. Community Power Coalition, the nonprofit Joint Powers Agency was created to assist cities and towns in launching Community Power programs, <https://www.cpcnh.org/>.

The second item on the agenda was Bill Sebastian who updated us on building solar arrays for the town hall campus. Rita and Bill submitted last year's energy bills to show energy usage data and are arranging local walkthroughs for the two companies, Revision Energy and Barrington. They expect to be able to provide proposals for the board of selectmen by December.

For the third item, Rita told us that she has two warrant articles that just need tweaking, one for proposing town hall energy upgrades, and the other to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute agreements with one of the energy providers (Revision or Barrington), including a license to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement for a solar energy system that will serve the Town of Campton.

We took care of some paperwork, approving the minutes for previous meetings.

Rita supplied a proposed list of dates for our 2023 meetings.

The final list of dates and meeting times, 10:30 am to noon, are:
10:30 AM to noon, at Town Hall, 01/11/23, 02/8/23, 03/08/23, 04/05/23,
5/17, 6/14/23, 7/12/23, 8/9/23, 9/13/23, 10/11/23, 11/15/23, and 12/13/23

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suellen Skinner