

Town of Bow NH

Community Power Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

Location: Town of Bow Municipal Building
10 Grandview Road, Bow, NH

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

Michael Markett

Minutes Approved:

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Attendees

Committee Members:

Robert Trotte, Michael Markett, Russell Anderson, Robyn Sarette, Richard Blake

Meeting Start: 6:34 pm

Meeting Chair: Russell Anderson

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of meeting minutes from February 7 and 24, 2024:
Approved unanimously.
2. **Debrief on Committee activity to Richard Blake:** Committee members updated Richard Blake on activity in last two meetings, Merrimack County Community Power developments and committee decisions.
3. **Discussion Re Follow Up On Merrimack County Community Power Developments:** Rob Trotte and Robyn Sarette reported out answers to questions posed in last committee meeting. Facts

learned included: 1) March 8 the Merrimack County Board of Commissioners will vote to adopt Merrimack County Community Power Plan; 2) March 11 the County will submit the Power Plan to the PUC for review; 3) May 13 the Commissioners will formally adopt the Power Plan; 4) Countywide outreach will commence in June; 5) the rates under the County Power Plan will take effect in late Fall 2024.

Features of the Merrimack County Plan include: 1) all Merrimack County residents can opt in to the CPCNH rates, although default rates were not yet published, 2) if a Town in Merrimack County adopts its own Community Power Plan, that Plan will superseded the Merrimack County Power Plan; 3) Town Board of Selectman has Authority under RSA 53E and RSA 21:48 to adopt Merrimack County Power Plan and can make rates opt out (meaning the rates are provided to residents at a discount to Unitil rates unless the resident affirmatively chooses to remain with incumbent power generator).

Rob/Robyn will take the following Committee questions to the Merrimack County Power Committee: 1) Can towns participating in County Power Plan select default power rates? 2) Does County control the allocation and distribution of its participating Towns' funds built up in the CPCNH Reserve Account?

4. **Follow up on Committee workflows.** Russell Anderson will prepare draft of Letter to Town Manager with Committee's recommendations. Russell Anderson will get on the Selectman's agenda for the April 9. Robyn Sarette will prepare and deliver presentation to the Selectman. Michael Markett will post Community Power Committee presentation and call to action on Town's Facebook Page after the Town Meeting. Michael Markett will prepare a notice and call to action on the Community Power

presentation and Board of Selectman meeting for Bow Times.
Rob Trotte will report back on answer to Committee's questions
re Merrimack Community Power Plan.

Michael Markett motioned to adjourn, Robert Trotte seconded,
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm