

**Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee
Minutes Sept 2022 - February 2023**



- 3/3 CPCNH Board meeting (approve modified contracts Ascend, Calpine to enable power procurement)
- 3/3 CPCNH Risk Management meeting, Go-No Go
- TBA CPCNH Board approves power rates
- TBA Notification mailing to Eversource customers
- TBA Public Meeting to be held 15 days after/within mailing to Eversource customers
- April Target launch

Draft Agenda

EEAC meeting, 3pm, Tuesday 3/7, 10 Main Street, Harrisville

- Approve agenda, minutes 2/27
- Rates and renewables, Community Power launch notification updates
- Town Meeting, Community Power meetings

EEAC meeting minutes, 3pm, Monday 2/27, 10 Main Street, Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Andrew, Maneval, Ari Levine, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

This meeting convened at 3:05pm and started with consensus on the agenda and minutes for the 2/14 meeting as presented. Members went on to

- Note the **Cost Sharing Agreement** was submitted to CPCNH Legal Counsel on 2/24 with the current iteration of EAP modifications approved by the Select Board 2/24 and the Town Clerk's certified copy of the Board's resolution to approve the CSA. CPCNH legal counsel subsequently flagged clerical errors, which were addressed
- Review **rate setting options** to be discussed at CPCNH Board meeting 3/1, agreeing that though marginally different, a percentage discount calculation to set rates would be preferable to a fixed price. Andrea and Andrew will advocate this position
- Discussed the **power generation warrant article**, noting that
Members had solicited consultation with multiple vendors to help scope the power generation project at the onsite, receiving one response and benefiting from the ensuing tour of multiple sites and resulting model for an install on the Highway Garage
Members briefly revisited the pro/cons of expanding the Town Hall array system, which could result in greater net metering benefit under the grandfathered terms of the original install. A previous solicited consultation at the onset of the project research about the pros/cons of extending the existing solar array at Town Hall originally concluded that it may not be as advantageous
Members agreed this and more will be determined through the RFP process if the Town approves the project to purchase and install additional power generation capacity not to exceed the warrant article lapse period
Katie and Andrea will update the research findings report that was submitted to the Select Board with the recommended power generation project for the next meeting
- Discussed the **public meeting** timing and logistics in connection with the Community Power launch. The public meeting is to be held within 15 days of the mailing to Eversource customers notifying them about access to Community Power program – before Community Power launches. The team will stand by for the mailing date to settle.

Members adjourned at 10:10am.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

EEAC meeting, 9am, Tuesday, 14 February, Harrisville General Store

Present: Andrea Hodson, Andrew, Maneval, Ari Levine, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

This meeting convened at 9am and started with consensus on the agenda as presented. Members went on to

- Approve the 1/24 meeting minutes
- Acknowledge PUC approval and agreeing that a simple, celebratory event could be planned on or about the CP launch date
- Reviewed the CPCNH launch timetable in light of rescheduling caused by utilities non-compliance with PUC rules, delaying power procurement and creating substantive work by CPCNH to work around obstacles
- CPCNH outreach materials in connection with a launch target, April 2023, will be forthcoming. Peterborough is providing input to help make the materials rate-payer friendly
- Review Cost Sharing Agreement submission relative to further CPEAP modifications to be recommended to the Select Board (2/24). The team accepted, rejected, and queried recommendations. Andrea will resolve queries through CPCNH legal counsel and confirm.

Members adjourned at 10am.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes for 24 January meeting, 12-12:45 at the General Store, Harrisville

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, Katie Hamon, John Knight, Sherry Sims.

Absent: Ned Hulbert

After convening at noon, the Committee approved the agenda plus minutes for the 16 January 2023 meeting as prepared. Noting the PUC approval countdown, the discussion ensued as follows –

- Select Board approval to sign the CPCNH Cost Sharing Agreement and Services Contract. This will be submitted to CPCNH Legal Counsel after the PUC approves the Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan unless CPCNH Legal Counsel indicates execution would be contingent on PUC approval, Ari to follow up. Submission will require certified Select Board's resolution to sign the CSA and a copy of the Community Power Plan.)
- Community Power media spokesperson. The team was unanimous in referring to the Select Board for appointment Andrew Maneval as media spokesperson and Ari Levine as back up.

This will assist Town Hall in directing incoming inquiries to individuals current on the launch status of Community Power in Harrisville.

- Other. Katie and Andrea will follow up on the Local Power Generation Project warrant article, and the Committee's item for the *2022 Town Report*.

Members adjourned at 12:45pm.

Minutes for Monday, Jan 16, 2023, meeting at 10 Main Street Harrisville

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert

Absent: John Knight, Sherry Sims

Agenda, Minutes. The meeting started at 9:05am with a vote to approve the agenda and minutes for 5 Jan meeting (with Ari and Andrew abstaining)

Team's recommendations and timeline. The team discussed at length its Launch Partner recommendation and presentation to the Board, reaching unanimous agreement to

- Move forward with recommendation to the Select Board to contract with CPCNH for HCP (Harrisville Community Power) supply services
- Present its recommendation to the Select Board at its meeting 19 Jan along with collateral agreements and appointments

Presentation preparation. After which the team went on to prepare the final version of the presentation slidedeck. After final review, the presentation will be available to the Select Board and posted at the Community Power webpage ahead of the Thursday meeting.

Community updates. Katie will draft the team's update item for *Common Threads*, February - March 2023 issue.

Committee Co-Chair. Andrew motioned, Ned seconded, and the team unanimously elected Katie Hamon to Co-Chair for the E&EAC (with Katie abstaining). The team also recognized and noted Ned Hulbert's role and contribution in starting and sustaining the team and the community's conversations about community power.

Members adjourned at 11:30am.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes for Thursday, 5 Jan 2023 meeting, 10 Main Street Harrisville

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims
(absent Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, John Knight)

The Committee started the meeting with the vote to approve the 12/28 minutes with Ari and Sherry abstaining.

- On the topic of a Community Power launch partner recommendation presentation:

Ari presented a recap of findings Committee deliberated the timing of its recommendation (1/19) within the context of CPCNH policies and timeline, specifically the Cost Sharing Agreement and Service Contract, noting that more information is required, to ideally include a range of rates that can be expected and answers to questions raised by Katie.

.... Considered the sequence of securing PUC approval before signing the Cost Sharing Agreement and Service Contract.

.... Considered revisiting Colonial Power/FEL, agreeing to consult with Peterborough's EAC for their update on pricing

- On the local power generation at the Highway Barn recommendation, members approved the drafted Warrant Article to forward to the Select Board:

Warrant article, draft (based on the 2009 WA for the solar array at TH)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of [\$155,000] for the purpose of installing a photovoltaic system at the Highway Barn with \$xx,xxx to be raised by taxation, \$xx,xxx to be applied from ARPA funds, and \$xx,xxx to be applied from the unreserved fund balance and further to authorize the Select Board to accept grants from private, State, or Federal sources as may be available and applicable to do all things necessary to carry out the purpose of this appropriation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31 2025 whichever is sooner.

Before adjourning at 11:05, the team agreed Ari (and Andrew) will review drafted questions for a legal consult with others to add, modify, or tweak. Andrea will coordinate a legal consult appointment for the team for next week, and check whether Walpole and Peterborough want to join in with their questions.

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Minutes for Wednesday, 12/28 2022, meeting at 10 Main Street Harrisville (w/Zoom)

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert (absent)
Ari Levine, John Knight, Sherry Sims)

After calling the meeting to order at 9am, Committee members:

- Voted to approve the agenda and minutes 12/16, 12/20 meetings (with Katie Hamon abstaining on the 12/20 mtg minutes approval)
- Discussed and agreed that nominations and self nominations for Co-Chair to backfill Ned Hulbert should be directed to Ned, who will collect and review at the next meeting
- Reviewed Peterborough's CP vendor recommendation and basis for the recommendation presented to Select Board 12/20, agreeing to adapt select elements of their overall approach and content ([view here](#)).
- Agreed to make another pass through the Committee's recommendation to launch Community Power with CPCNH relative to the conditions included in with the recommendation presented March 2022

- Andrew and Ari will summarize and share their review of CPCNH policies and draft an updated recommendation, the Committee aims to present to the Select Board on 1/19
- Agreed to follow up on the Revision recommendation that the Highway Barn site is the most viable, as is the school. The school is in the hands of the SAU 29 administrator, and all the Committee will do is be sure they have the Revision assessment for that site. ([view here](#))

Before adjoining at 10:02, members agreed to check with absent members about their availability to meet during the following week, anticipating a Committee vote on its recommendation to the Select Board at the 1/19 meeting about a community power launch partner.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes for Tuesday, 12/20 meeting, 10 Main Street / Zoom

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, John Knight, Ned Hulbert (absent, Katie Hamon, Sherry Sims)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm with Committee members opening discussion with Paul Looney, member Walpole’s EAC and one of Walpole’s CPCNH Board members

Paul let the committee know that EAC Walpole is on a similar path towards creating an approach to evaluate services and pricing from three vendors in order to bring recommendation to their Select Board in February.

This will include comparing the CPCNH and Broker models as rates will not be available until after services are contracted.

Discussion ensued about CPCNH’s cost allocation policy and agreement, with questions raised at the next CPCNH meeting

Members adjourned at 2:30.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes for Friday 12/16, 10 Main Street / Zoom

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert (absent, Sherry Sims)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am, with unanimous vote to approve the agenda, and near-unanimous vote to approve the minutes though its last meeting, November 16, with Ari abstaining as he joined EAC November 6

- The team noted the EAP PUC filing (DE 21-141), and general updates and timeline for CPCNH policies approval, including the reserve policy provision for town reserve accounts, and the tiered-rates criterion
- Ned let the team know he wants to step off as co-chair, reflective of his level of engagement and other projects

- Discussion ensued about how to prepare a community power plan implementation partner recommendation for the Board and whether the team should consider an RFQ. A meeting with the SB is notionally planned for 1/19.

Because EACs Walpole and Peterborough are in similar positions, the team will invite reps to meet to discuss and compare approaches and criterion.

Comparison matrix of potential partners (from March 2022 recommendation to SB) to be updated based on progress by CPCNH/legislative/PUC updates.

- Local generation projects update and next steps (see Katie's notes, below under Local power generation projects) - Katie reshared the proposal from Revision with the Committee for review. To be determined at a future meeting is the following: any follow up questions for Revision, whether the proposal and amount make sense to move forward with the project, whether funding would require a warrant article, and next steps based on those pieces.

Members adjourned at 10:32am.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes October - November 2022 meetings

Attending: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

Throughout the duly posted meetings – 10/14, 10/19, 11/1, 11/16 – the Committee focused exclusively on

EAP modifications

1. Members reviewed the modified EAP documents submitted to the PUC by Hanover, Lebanon, Walpole, and Peterborough in addition to modifications recommended by CPCNH
2. deliberated and unanimously adapted updates and modifications over successive iterations.
3. created version TM 05-21-22:12-01-22 to present to the Select Board at its meeting 1 December.
4. Katie prepared the redlined version of the document, which adequately captured the work done in October and November.
5. Andrea distributed the red-lined version to the Select Board and posted it to the website on 21 November, ahead of the 1 December meeting.
6. The team then worked on its presentation to the Board.

Local power generation projects

1. Following up on the August meeting with Peterborough to learn about the power generation projects selection and installation, the team brainstormed sites and approaches that could be considered for solar power generation, pending expert opinion, recommended to the Town.

2. Members re-considered soliciting that expert opinion, returning to ReVision Energy, a leading installer of solar energy systems in New England, and involved in some of the Peterborough projects. Katie had made initial contact in August and advised they would be willing to tour the target sites with the EAC.
3. Preparing for such a consult, the Committee isolated 5 sites: Town Hall (expansion), HV Wells Memorial School (new), Recycle Center (new), Highway Garage (new), and Street Lights (system)
4. Katie was tasked to, and contacted the School (Principal, School Board Chair, and/or SAU Administrator) to scope interest and identify the best point persons with whom to liaise. The School is interested in scoping the possibilities.
5. Katie was also tasked to set up the tour, confirming a tour with ReVision for 1 November at 1pm.
6. Following up on the tour, Katie noted: Jude (from ReVision) met with Andrew, Sherry, Ned & her at Town Hall. He didn't see much added value in expanding that solar array. Next stop was the school, where they met with Kate (school principal) and Kevin Robbins (facilities manager) to talk through the set up at that site. The group moved on to the Highway Barn and Recycling Center. *The Street Lights system was not feasible for Revision's consideration.*

Jude/ReVision followed up the tour for a bit more information (including for ALL town accounts - versus the ones for just the potential sites), which Katie provided.

Project proposals were submitted to the Committee & School for what ReVision advised would be the best two installation sites - one at the school to offset the load there and one at the highway barn. The barn could allow for group net-metering with that and the other town accounts. These include both the scale of the project and quoted costs to help town and/or school board to draw up any warrant articles or tag funds accordingly.

7. The Committee will calendar a meeting to review.

(11/6) New member, Ari Levine

1. Andrea nominated Ari Levine for Committee membership. Ari brings to the team experience working on solar and water energy projects, representing project owners and project purchasers dealing with [siting], government tax credits, environmental issues, power supply agreements with utilities and customers (purchase, sale, and financing); work on cogeneration projects (across the country); and, experience reading and commenting on regulations and proposed regulations in a regulated utility.
2. The team welcomed Ari aboard, and agreed to recommend the Select Board process his appointment at its meeting, 11/18.

EEAC, Community Power Implementation

Minutes for (Tue) 20 Sept @ 8 am, Town Hall, 705 Chesham Road, Harrisville NH

Attending (in person): Andrea Hodson, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

Committee members reviewed its meeting with the Select Board on 9/8 at which members proposed the scope be expanded to include, and the Board agreed that other projects along the lines of community education, local renewable generation projects, and such are a natural fit to the team's core knowledge and familiarity. The Board was amendable, and the EAC was renamed to Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee.

The team agreed it will focus in two areas, to review and modify the EAP to bring it in compliance with new rules and otherwise prepare it for the Select Board's review and approval 1, and 2 to engage Revision and Wells Memorial School / SAU 29 to scope renewable energy projects.

... and, submitted the [Common Threads item](#) for the Oct-Nov issue.

Resources

[CPCNH recommendation](#) (EAC 2.0 processing)

Note: Nashua to reference "Community Power Partner"

Community Power Implementation

Minutes for (Tue) 6 Sept @ 7:45-8:45 am, 10 Main Street Harrisville NH

Attending (in person): Andrea Hodson, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

Agenda, Minutes. The meeting convened at 8:45 am with unanimous consensus to approve the minutes for August 30 as prepared.

Committee charge. After reviewing the Master Plan and further discussing the Committee's charge overall, the team agreed to prepare a proposal for the Select Board to broaden the Committee focus from "Community Power" to "Energy", which would include community education, local renewable energy generation projects, and such

Next actions. Katie will lead on preparing and delivering the proposal presentation for the Board (9/8), and will circulate a draft ahead of time for input. Sherry will be available to attend the Select Board meeting with Katie. The team will update Andrew.

After setting the next meeting for 9/20, members adjourned at 8:45am.

(Discussion docs)

From Ned re [Master Plan 2014](#)

Colleagues, Thanks for the meeting summary. Thought it might be interesting - as we consider the charge of the EAC and whether it is part of a broader strategy on energy related concerns - to reflect upon the 2014 Town Master Plan (copy attached), esp. these sections: Introduction, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Energy. Fair amount of overlap, underlining long-term Town development concerns, of which EAC's work is one key element.

Also from Ned: [Will the Lights Stay on in NH This Winter Donald M Kries](#)

53-E:6 Electric Aggregation Plan -- on EACs

I. The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan

may provide an aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.

II. The plan shall provide universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers subject to any differences arising from varying opportunities, tariffs, and arrangements between different electric distribution utilities in their respective franchise territories, and shall meet, at a minimum, the basic environmental and service standards established by the commission and other applicable agencies and laws concerning aggregated service.

III. The plan shall detail:

(a) The organizational structure of the program.

(b) Operation and funding.

(c) Rate setting and other costs to participants, including whether energy supply services are offered on an opt-in basis or on an opt-out basis as an alternative default service.

(d) The methods for entering and terminating agreements with other entities.

(e) The rights and responsibilities of program participants.

(f) How net metered electricity exported to the distribution grid by program participants, including for group net metering, will be compensated and accounted for.

(g) How the program will ensure participants who are enrolled in the Electric Assistance Program administered by the commission will receive their discount.

(h) Termination of the program.

IV. The committee shall approve a final plan which the committee determines is in the best, long-term interest of the municipality or county and the ratepayers.

V. The committee shall solicit public input in the planning process and shall hold public hearings.

Source. 1996, 192:2, eff. Aug. 2, 1996. 2019, 316:4, eff. Oct. 1, 2019. 2021, 229:8, eff. Oct. 25, 2021.