



Energy & Electric Aggregation Committee

Meeting Minutes for 10am, Tuesday 10/10 2023, 10 Main Street Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Don Kilgus, Katie Hamon, Sherry Sims

The Committee welcomed Don Kilgus as new member and provided a briefing on the Committee’s work, projects closed, ongoing and anticipated, highlighting –

Community Power (passed by the Town in 2020, launched May 2023) is currently attuned to the barrier to participation of net energy metering for customers, who are unable to join until export-import information is provided by the utilities per enabling legislation.

Community Power Coalition of NH (community power implementation partner, membership at 43 municipalities including Harrisville) is also attuned to the NEM situation. The Coalition’s forecast is for an earlier resolution than previously thought, possibly as soon as Q1-Q2 2024. A separate billing for NEM ratepayers – and not non-NEM ratepayer participants – is being considered to expedite resolution.

Don asked about the math associated with NEM ratepayer participation. Andrea will raise visibility to this question to the CPCNH Board. Specifically, how or at what rate will excess supply be credited, and how will local generation offset distribution rates for individual households (and for community power participants). The team will revisit this with more information.

Members also noted that new supply rates effective 1 February will be set end-December.

DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (with Peterborough): This is the grant that – if approved – will fund project management, technical assistance, and direct incentive assistance to Harrisville property owners who aim to reduce energy consumption and/or decarbonize and electrify their energy sources. The town is expecting application responses to be forthcoming mid-October 2023.

Community outreach. Discussion turned to plans to submit an item on 11/20 to be included in the next *Common Threads* issue to include updates on new rates, renewable energy supply options, the town solar array, and net energy metering progress towards resolution.

Monadnock Sustainability Hub. Kate and Andrea will participate in the annual meeting scheduled for 15 Nov.

After setting the next meeting for 10am, 31 Oct, at 10 Main Street, Members adjourned at 11:00am.

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Meeting Minutes for 9am, Wednesday 9/20, 10 Main Street Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Sherry Sims

After approving the Agenda and 7/12 minutes as drafted, Members discussed the following:

- **DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (with Peterborough):** This is the grant that – if approved – will fund project management, technical assistance, and direct incentive assistance to

Harrisville property owners who aim to reduce energy consumption and/or decarbonize and electrify their energy sources. The team noted application responses are expected mid-October 2023.

- **Community Power:** Anticipating CPCNH rate setting end-December (effective 1 February) , Members agreed to recommend to the Select Board no change to the default option setting, Granite Basic. While offered at a cost lower than the Eversource default cost, changing the Community Power default to Granite Plus or Clean 50 could create undue confusion.
- **Membership.** Members agreed to forward to the Select Board its nominee, Don Kilgus, for appointment to the Committee.
- **EEAC invitations to**
- Help publicize 9/30 Monadnock Clean Energy Fair: Andrea will post posters at the PO, General Store, and Library.
- Host the 10/26 CPCNH members’ meeting: For want of members’ availability to organize, the team agreed to decline the invitation, leave open a future meeting, and suggest “role clarification” on how or what “hosting” requires of a host town.
- Present the WA10 Solar Generation Project story at the Monadnock Sustainability Hub’s Annual Roundtable (11/15). Katie will further scope and participate with Andrea.

Other

Community outreach. The team agreed that *Common Threads* is the best way to inform and update the community about Community Power and related initiatives. Members will revisit whether and how to utilize the website (ie, if the DOE Grant is approved) and email.

The team does not have an update for the Oct-Nov issue, but will prepare content for the Dec-Jan issue to include, as appropriate, updates on the DOE grant, the Town Solar Array, Community Power rates effective 1 February, and how to access more renewable energy through Harrisville’s Community Power plan.

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Meeting Minutes for noon, Wed 7/12 2023, 10 Main Street Harrisville
Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Sherry Sims

Guests: Ari Levine (EEAC alum, Frankestown), Dori Drachman (Co-Coordinator, Peterborough Renewable Energy Project), Ned Hulbert (EEAC alum)

DOE EECBG project. After convening the meeting at noon, members discussed Peterborough’s application for DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding to decarbonize and electrify old building stock, and develop local workforce capacity for these types of projects. Peterborough envisions partnering with BlocPower to weatherize, upgrade, and/or replace oil- and propane-fueled boilers with efficient fossil-fuel-free alternatives in roughly 175 buildings.

Of notable interest to Harrisville could be

- Opportunity to participate in this Grant application, and if awarded, partner with Peterborough to engage BlocPower to retrofit residential, commercial, and municipal buildings in Harrisville over the next three years

- Through BlocPower offer optional, favorable leasing terms to qualified applicants
- Grant does not require matching funds from the Town
- SWRPC will administer the Grant on behalf of participating towns

EEAC members will synthesize the discussion, assess the level of effort required to develop the Harrisville component of the Grant application – and ensuing engagement to sustain the project over three years – and research several questions to be presented in a briefing proposal for the Select Board on 7/20. All noted that the application will be due on 8/7.

Committee charter. The team reviewed and edited a Committee description to be proposed to the Select Board on 7/13, agreeing that this could add clarity about the Committee’s purpose. Sims will copy edit the document ahead of presentation. Hodson will forward to Town Hall.

Minutes. The drafted minutes for 6/2 and 6/14 meetings were unanimously approved with one correction to a date.

After which members adjourned at 1:25pm.

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Meeting minutes, 1130am, Wed 6/14 2023, Harrisville Town Hall

Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Pat Putham, Sherry Sims

After convening the meeting at 1130am, members agreed to defer minutes review and approval for the 6/2 meetings in the interest of time.

- Members then reviewed 5 RFP responses using the RFP scorecard
- And prepared summary observations to be compiled for the Select Board meeting scheduled for Thursday at 6/15.
- The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

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Meeting minutes, Friday, 2 June, 9am, 10 Main Street, Harrisville NH

Present: Andrea Hodson, John Knight, Katie Hamon, Pat Putnam, Sherry Sims

After convening the meeting at 9am, members approved the agenda and meeting minutes for the 5/16 meeting. Discussion ensued on these topics:

- **RFP site tours.** In preparation for the tours, Pat flagged the line behind the Town Hall array. Both tours were attended by potential RFP respondents. A representative from Clean Energy NH also attended the first tour.
- **RFP respondents’ questions.** Members reviewed questions and prepared answers for distribution according to the RFP timetable (6/2).

- **RFP scorecard.** The Committee's final drafted copy will be submitted to the Select Board at their 6/8 meeting.
- **Old Home Day booth.** Members agreed setting up and staffing a booth will be worthwhile. Andrea will contact organizers to reserve a place.

Members adjourned at 10am.

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Meeting minutes, Tuesday, 16 May, 10am, 10 Main Street, Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Pat Putnam, Sherry Sims

After convening at 10am, members approved the agenda and meeting minutes for 4/19, 4/24 and 5/2 meetings as amended

RFP scorecard. The team reviewed the draft and agreed to create final copy at the next meeting.

RFP site tours. Pat will lead the 5/23, Andrea the 5/25 site tours of Town Hall, Highway Garage, and Landfill.

Community update. Andrea and Katie will co-author the *Community Threads* item to feature a status update on Community Power launch, net metering, and the RFP for 2023 WA10, Local Power Generation project.

Members adjourned at 11:10am.

For the files, the RFP distribution list, 5.12:

- NHMA, Town Website
- 603 Solar
Sean Carlson, Sean@603Solar.com
- Green Energy Options
Pablo, Mary, Simon @greenenergyoptions.com
- Green Lantern Solar
Geoff Sparrow, VP Dvlpmnt geoffs@greenlanternsolar.com
"kimb@greenlanternsolar.com" <kimb@greenlanternsolar.com>
- Weston Martin, Director of Strategic Partnerships <weston@greenlanternsolar.com>Norwich Solar
Jack Greene, Kevin Davis, davis@greene@norwichsolar.com
- ReVision
Jude Nuru, jnuru@revisionenergy.com
- South Pack Solar
Greg Blake, info@southpacksolar.com
- Shanti Energy LLC
Latha Mangipudi, Paul Hodes
- (FYI) CPCNH, CENH, Durham, New London, Shelburne

Responded “too small for portfolio”

- NH Solar Gardens (Lumenia)
Andrew Kellar, developer@nhsolargarden.com

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Meeting minutes, Tuesday, 2 May, 10 Main Street, Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Ari Levine, Katie Hamon, Pat Putnam, Sherry Sims

Resource: Charles Michal

Members convened shortly after 11am, approved the agenda, and deferred approval of minutes to the next meeting to focus discussion on completion of the RFP draft to be submitted in advance of the 5/4 Select Board meeting. Most notably:

- Response Due Date, amending from May to June
- Gravel Pit, agreeing that the site should not be included, noting that the active pit status may create dust and debris exposure to an array, the lack of hook up to the grid, and that a plan for the property after it has been mined has not yet been developed and so placing a small array in the near term may unintentionally limit options in the longer term
- Landfill, Andrea reported that Wilcox & Barton do not have the cover depth on hand, have requested a copy of the 1995 site plan from DES NHDES Public Records Center, and will let the team know the outcome
- RFP document structure, combining the Respondents’ Form and Project Overview to reduce redundant content

Katie and Charles were tasked to process the restructuring of the document, Andrea will forward the finished draft when complete.

Members adjourned after noon.

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Meeting minutes, Wed 4/24, Town Hall, 705 Chesham Rd Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon & Pat Putnam

Members convened at 9am to discuss –

- Postcard draft - Andrea to review & Katie to finish postcard - To put out at General Store, Post Office, Library & Town Offices

- FAQ Update - Ari to send Q&A to Katie to compare with CPCNH FAQs & send requested additions/updates to Henry
- New website textbox - Point to FAQs at CPCNH/harrisville & include text of Net Metering answer from FAQs - plus email to starred attendees
- RFP site review:
 - Pat reported on factors to consider about a Landfill site, one of which is how much “cover fill” is on top of the landfill liner. If there is at least 2 feet of structural fill cover over a liner, then cost doesn’t get that expensive. If skim cover only then have other engineering issues that may drive up the price. Depends on cover, how old, how it’s settled and type of landfill liner. Can go with precast concrete pads or poured in place concrete. Either is an option to study both ways. Not sure of details of what’s on there. Pat worked on landfill committee in the 1980s when looking for a regional solution - never went anywhere. If orientation and space for panels, then it should be looked at.

Andrea will contact the Town’s landfill monitoring agent for what information is available about the fill depth.

- Gravel Pit - depleted areas are large enough, but power hookup is in question - plus question of dust creating issues for maximum generation

Before adjourning at 10am, members agreed that Andrea will meet with Pat, and then with Ari to further develop the RFP and Scorecard, and circulate them back to the team ahead of the next meeting.

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Meeting minutes, Wed 4/19, Town Hall, 705 Chesham Rd Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Katie Hamon, Patrick Putnam, and Sherry Sims

Guest: Charles Michel

Members convened at 9am, and approved the agenda and the 3/7 and 4/11 meeting minutes as noted (refer to 3/7 meeting addendum)

On membership updates: Charles Michal joined the meeting and will contribute as a Committee resource (not appointed member) to the drafting of the RFP for the solar array.

On NEM: Andrea provided Ned Hulbert’s update about NEM 1.0 expansion options, he had met with Robin and Greg Blake to get down on NEM 1.0 expansion options. Robin has filed an application with PUC to expand NEM 1 to 100 kW. Ned will keep an eye on this outcome.

On landfill sites requirements: Pat Putnam’s update was deferred to the next meeting.

On communication updates: Community Power postcard, Multi-town FAQs (Ari & Katie)

- To send to: <https://www.communitypowernh.gov> (with/without “/harrisville”)
- Ari to convert FAQs, Katie to sync with Henry to update.
- Andrea & Katie to do postcard.

On the RFP for Local Power Generation Project & Site Options: All will read the proposal draft before the next meeting.

Members adjourned at 10:06.

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Meeting minutes, Tuesday, 11 April, Town Hall, 705 Chesham Road, Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Ari Levine, Katie Hamon, John Knight, Ned Hulbert, and Sherry Sims. Plus Patrick Putnam, new member.

This meeting convened at 9:30am and started with introductions for Pat Putnam (new member) and brief narrative of the E&EAC, plus an appreciation for Ned Hulbert and Andrew Maneval for their service as they roll off the committee.

After reaching consensus on the agenda and minutes for the 3/7 meeting as presented, members went on to

- **Review membership**, noting Doug Gline expressed interest in joining the committee, and (per Kathy Scott) so has Charles Michael. Andrea will follow up.
- **Assess the Launch Public Meeting**, noting that 4/27 is the last date for making participation choices (or not) that will be reflected in June invoice for May services. Actions taken after 4/27 turn up in July bill for June services, and so forth. (Dates follow meter reading, billing cycle.) Participation levels at the roll out would be forthcoming for analysis.

The team discussed the whole-community benefit of strong customer participation in Community Power – access to renewables, building the reserve fund, legislative advocacy in addition to the short-term benefit of supply cost. More can be disseminated about the long-term competitive benefit of choosing HCP vs. other competitive rate suppliers. Along with updates to the website and email mailing, members agreed that a postcard could be produced and hand-delivered. Ari will draft content.

Discussion moved to Net Energy Metering (NEM), noting differing understandings of existing rules, and NEM services through Community Power. Andrea has forwarded a suggestion for piloting a NEM services solution to CPCNH. Andrew is also advocating for resolution through multiple channels.

Also discussed was collating Q&A notes of the public meeting, and contributing them to a multi-town FAQ of Q&A generated at the other public meetings of the 10 launch towns. Ari will type up his Q&A notes. Katie will follow up with Henry Herndon (CPCNH).

- **Local Power Generation Project RFP** (approach, timetable). Understanding that the Select Board tasked the E&EAC to draft the RFP, the team agreed to submit a draft to the SB May 4, noting that May-June are optimal months for securing a contract.

Some elements will be considered “post-award” such as how to manage the installation of this project and future larger-scale projects, and will not be included in the RFP draft.

The team discussed sites, agreeing that it might be beneficial to include sites in the RFP (ie the Gravel Pit, Landfill, Town Hall, Willard Hill Hwy Barn) that Bidders may consider. This suggested the possibility of a Bidders' tour of sites. Pat will follow up with information about projects sited on landfills.

Finding and reviewing comparable RFPs was noted as providing a point of departure for the RFP drafting. Andrea will follow up to collect from other municipalities and resources ahead of the next meeting.

After setting up the next meeting for 4/19 at 9am, the team adjourned at 10:45am.

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Meeting minutes, 3pm, Tuesday 3/7 2023, 10 Main Street, Harrisville

Present: Andrea Hodson, Andrew Maneval, Katie Hamon, Ned Hulbert, Sherry Sims

This meeting convened at 3:05pm and started with consensus on the agenda and minutes for the 2/27 meeting as presented. Members went on to:

- Review Community Power launch updates, noting that
 - 9 Towns will launch with Harrisville – Lebanon, Nashua, Enfield, Exeter, Hanover, Peterborough, Plainfield, Rye & Walpole
 - On 3/3 CPCNH members approved electricity supply purchase. This will be followed by CPCNH member meeting to set rates, decisions to include whether to set rates by fixed price or percentage discount, mtg date likely for 3/10
 - Expected launch late April/early May - CPCNH sent the obligatory 45-day notice to PUC & utilities for start up, 4/21 (may not launch within 30 days of consumer notification letters)
 - Set the public meeting date for Monday 4/3 at 7pm at the Mill – Andrew to confirm logistics with Erin
- Review drafted presentation materials for Town Meeting WA10, and create a post to the Community Power page to provide an overview of the power generation project proposal

MINUTES AMENDED 4/19 with addition of the following:

- Members split various tasks to prepare for Town Meeting. These included updates to the webpage, confirmation of the HCP launch meeting (for April 3 @ 7 pm at the Mill), discussion with others and emailed questions regarding solar arrays, check in on status of current array, and an update to the flyer for Town Meeting.

Members adjourned at 4:20.