

## **Westmoreland Community Power Advisory Committee**

**July 11, 2023**

**7 p.m. Westmoreland Town Hall**

**DRAFT** (unapproved minutes)

Meeting called to order at 7:04

Present: Mark Terry (chairman), Scott Talbot, Terry Cox, Kathy Cox, Alan Bell, John Snowdon (BOS)

### **June Committee Meeting Draft Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes from our last meeting, Alan moved to approve and Terry seconded. Motion was approved.

### **Old Business**

Mark attended the June 15 CPCNH Wave 2 Community Power Workshop. The CEO attended and reported that if we can get our plan in by September or October, there's a good chance we could go live around February.

Mark said he alerted the Selectboard that there are four documents that they have to review and sign: risk management, the retail rates, financial reserve policies and member services contract. Once they are signed, Mark said we will have done everything we have to do and that the only other big thing on our list is sitting in on meeting where they negotiate the rate for the spring.

### **New Business**

- Mark passed out two handouts that he encouraged the board members to review: one regarding the new rates set for August, which shows that Granite Basic is at 10.9cents compared to Eversource's 12.58 rate, and the other regarding net metering.
- Mark spoke with Paul Looney, chair of the Walpole Community Power Committee, who said things are working well in Walpole, which is in the first wave and has gone live. Mark will invite him to our next meeting so he can provide guidance as we make our way through the process.
- We had a lengthy discussion regarding how we can provide input to the committee working on a 10-year plan for Westmoreland. Alan, who is on that committee, suggested we come up with suggestions regarding power needs and issues for residents; to let them know our goals. Alan also asked that we consider how we can best communicate energy issues and what our vision is for the next five to ten years. Mark suggested we host a public forum to see what Westmorelanders want in terms of our energy future. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

There being no other business, Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting and Scott seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting is August 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Westmoreland Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Cox