

Westmoreland Community Power Committee

Minutes

December 1st, 2022, Unapproved

Members Present

Alan Bell, Mark Terry, Chris Ballou, Melissa Bonito, Terry Cox, Scott Talbot

Public Present

Nancy Ranson

710pm Meeting Started by Mark Terry

711pm Scott Talbot moved to approve the minutes, Chris Ballou 2nd the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes from November 22nd meeting approved.

712pm Mark Terry brought the committee up to speed about what was discussed at the Board of Selectmen's meeting earlier that day. Henry Herndon gave the BOS an overview of the Coalition. It was substantially the same as the information he gave the committee at our last meeting. Afterwards Mark Terry and Alan Bell met with Henry to ask a few questions.

A few points that Henry made about the Coalition is that it currently has 25 town members and that the governing board will be made up of 11-21 board members representing it's various member entities. In a future board meeting of the coalition, there will be a vote on what the current board membership will be. Mark Terry suggested that the town of Westmoreland will nominate Mark Terry to be our board representative and John Snowdon as the alternate.

Melissa Bonito asked if Henry talked about the funds generated by the coalition and if more information was given regarding those funds and how towns might be able to utilize them.

Mark Terry said that from the conversations he had with Henry the funds would be primarily utilized to stabilize energy rates, but that at a future date the Coalition could use those funds to help the Coalition to get a credit rating to finance projects.

The committee then went on to discuss how to get the word out for our public hearings so that we may get as many people as possible. Email lists were suggested. Signs, Phone texts as well though the committee was not in total agreement that phone texts would be effective.

Melissa Bonito suggested that we utilize signs. Alan Bell suggested that as we get further down the line towards our town meeting and we become more well versed in the coalition information, we have an ambassador available at the transfer station to answer questions on transfer/dump days.

Scott Talbot said that the fire department sent a postcard out which was manually delivered to each mailbox in town by dividing up the address and having 4 people doing the delivery. He said they could cover the town in about an hour that way.

Mark Terry asked the committee to look at the power point presentation and come up with comments and changes, if any before our next meeting.

Mark then laid out the dates that worked for Henry Herndon to make the public meetings. January 5th, February 9th, March 7th.

810pm Scott Talbot made a motion to close the meeting, Chris Ballou 2nd the motion.

By Unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Alan Bell committee member and Clerk