

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Reeder, John Snowdon and Bill McGahie

1. The meeting was called to order at 10am by Frank Reeder
2. Approval of Minutes: June 22, 2023. Motion was made by John Snowdon, seconded by Bill McGahie to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0
3. Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Frank Reeder, seconded by John Snowdon to approve Manifests for: General Fund # \$243,734.30 and Fire Station \$2,976.70 Motion passed 3-0.
4. Old Business
 - A. Fire Station Update - Steve Horton and Harry Nelson
 - Culvert across the road from the new fire station overloaded. Waiting for the new catch basin to arrive. New outlet to be turned to route water to basin. Foundation is lower so water collected there, but there is minimal to no damage. Water did not wash to the abutting Bafundi property. Few hours of emergency control work was done to prevent damage which will be an added cost. Other side of Route 63 has not been ditched for a long time and the relief culvert is not working. Reeder - Town Administrator will call NHDOT to see if they can ditch or give Town Highway Dept. permission to do so and fix the culvert to avoid future issues.
 - Colors for the fire station have been chosen. Bottom horizontal siding on the building to be white, upper vertical siding charcoal and doors red pepper similar to color of Barn and Thistle. Selectmen approved color choices.
 - Connections from Fire Station to Town Hall
 1. Generator - working with Houghton to connect both buildings will need funds from the Town Hall portion approved when determined.
 2. Sprinkler System - Working with Capital Fire to connect both buildings to water tanks. Town Hall would need its own pump and interior system separate from the fire station. Sprinkler system pending grant funding for Town Hall.
 - Nelson - Tables used for chicken bbq stored in the Town Hall basement were damaged when the furnace and oil tanks were moved out. McGahie will work with Nelson to determine damage and present a claim to Zjac HVAC.
 - B. Site Plan Revision - The Planning Board discussed the Selectmen's request to determine if a revision to the plans for Lot R14 lot 34 was needed. The Planning Board decided that a revised site plan is needed as changes have been made including the berm, extension of the parking lot and fencing. Based on the Planning Board's decision, the Selectboard will request a revised set of site plans from the owner for Planning Board review.

5. New Business

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Appointment of Thomas Bates as Trustee of the Trust Funds for the remainder of the year to fill Cecil Goff's position as she has moved and resigned as Trustee.

Payroll 6/27/2023, 7/11/2023	June Bank Statements	Healthtrust \$96.93
Payroll Taxes 7/13/2023	Intent to Cut Timber (2)	Retirement \$2686.24
Forest Fire Report/Bill	Deed Waiver (2)	NHDES \$8.53
PA-28 Form		USPS \$25.68

- A. State Assessment Evaluation - State DRA evaluates every 5 years. Letters sent to all residents with exemptions. Some confusion with the letter as the state asked for topographic maps and issues finding them. Topographic map is not needed
- B. Recycling Center - No longer have someone to take care of freon removal from refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. Selectmen agree that the recycling center can no longer accept items and residents will need to dispose of at Keene facility or Scrap-it..
- C. Zoning Class 6 road - Property owner wants to build a cabin on class six road and use the right of way. The right of way gave access for logging and maintaining the tower once Reynolds Road washed out on the River Road end. Allen Bressett - own property with right of way and deed is specific about use. No intention to expand that use. Owner has frontage on Johnny Cake Road, but does not want a driveway there due to cost. Laurie Burt - only options other than Johnnycake would be fix Reynolds in the original road location from River Road and upgrade to Lincoln or upgrade Reynolds from Poocham if wide enough then upgrade Lincoln to Class 5 roads. All would have to go before Town at Town Meeting. Reeder - Property owner cannot use right of way and have driveway on Class 6 and will have to use Johnnycake for driveway access to obtain permits to build. Owner to be sent letter to this effect and will not be allowed to build without permits
- D. Next land use meeting evening meeting in September or October depending on availability of majority. Poll to be sent to determine best date.
- E. Highway department has done an exceptional job with 2 ½ guys during the multiple storms keeping roads in tack and passable. Preventative measures with ditching and culvert cleaning and replacing have kept the town safe and mobile. A huge thank you to Dave, John and John Jr for all their hard work!
- F. Motion made by Frank Reeder and seconded by Bill McGahie to accept donation per RSA 31:19 for the Town Common Gazebo Fund in the amount of \$1700. Motion passed 3-0
- G. Motion made by Frank Reeder and seconded by Bill McGahie to accept donation per RSA 31:19 for the Old Home Days Fund in the amount of \$300. Motion passed 3-0
- H. Moose Plate Grant - Applied for \$20,000 grant to refurbish Town Hall floors. No Town match. If received, grant will be applied to work to be done on upstairs wood floors including stage and balcony, both staircases in foyer, and downstairs wood flooring.

6. Correspondence

- A. Eversource - NHSAVES work with municipalities to help reduce energy bills. See attached

- B. Community Power Quarter 2 Report - Rate for next 6 months 10.5 compared to Eversource 12.6. Coalition growing with now 35 towns. See attached. Westmoreland Community Power Committee meets second Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- C. New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) webinar Wednesday July 12, 2023 - Exploring Current Trends in Citizen Engagement. John Snowdon, Alan Bell and Jodi Scanlan will be participating.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11am

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Scanlan
Town Administrator

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JULY 18, 2023 6:00PM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SELECTMEN SIGNATURES DENOTE APPROVAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank Reeder, Chairman

John Snowdon

HELPING MUNICIPALITIES BE MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT



Your partners at NHSaves work with municipal customers to help them reduce their energy bills while receiving incentives to offset the cost of energy efficiency projects. We are here to help with technical and financial assistance, or guidance with project management to help identify, prioritize and implement a cost-effective energy efficiency strategy in your:



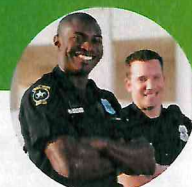
Schools



Town office buildings



Libraries



Police and fire stations



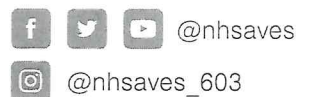
Water/wastewater treatment facilities

WHAT WE DO

With an array of low-cost, no-cost and capital project options, we can help:

- Reduce energy consumption and operating expenses
- Upgrade equipment
- Lower maintenance costs
- Improve work environment and worker comfort
- Reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions
- Free up tax dollars for other projects

Powered by:



FREE ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

Free walk-through energy assessments are available to municipal customers to help identify opportunities for improved energy efficiency.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

When it is necessary to quantify the energy savings potential of a proposed project, your NHSaves partner utility will typically fund up to 50% of the cost incurred as part of an engineering study (may be subject to a cap). The study must be pre-approved and completed by an energy professional.

INCENTIVES

NHSaves partnering utilities provide incentives on a wide variety of equipment types to help save electricity and fossil fuels.

These include:

- Lighting and Lighting Controls
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Water Heating
- Weatherization
- Refrigeration
- Food Service Equipment
- Compressed Air
- Custom Projects

NEW EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

New equipment and construction projects encompass two categories:

1. New buildings where equipment is being installed for the first time.
2. Existing buildings where current equipment has reached the “end-of-life” period and must be replaced.

Enhanced incentives are available for school construction projects.

RETROFITS

NHSaves partnering utilities work with communities throughout New Hampshire to help reduce the cost of implementing energy efficient systems. Incentives for municipal retrofits include financial and technical services associated with installing new energy efficient equipment to replace old, inefficient equipment in existing facilities.

PROJECT FINANCING

Financing options may be available to help with energy efficiency projects. Contact your NHSaves utility partner to learn more.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

All incentives are subject to funding availability. Certain caps and restrictions apply. Once you receive an incentive approval, your incentive is fixed and the money is reserved for your project.

GETTING STARTED

Visit NHSaves.com or contact your NHSaves utility partner to get started.

Considering applying for incentives? Pre-approval in writing is required prior to the start of installation. You may complete installations using in-house staff or your own vendor/contractor. If you don't have a vendor/contractor, we can direct you to one. Contact your utility's Program Administrator for more information.

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2023 Quarter 2 COALITION LAUNCH ADDENDUM

For Communities, By Communities



COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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We're Hiring! Professionals interested in meaningful, impactful energy work with backgrounds in administration, finance, policy & regulatory, IT, and power supply are invited submit "Career Interest" to info@CPCNH.org. Help NH communities reach their energy goals!

COALITION ENROLLS ~75,000 CUSTOMERS

Community Power flows, creating ***\$14 million in value in just 3 months!*** As of June, we have enrolled approximately 75,000 Community Power customers across twelve "Wave 1" launching cities and towns, making the Coalition a larger electricity supplier than Liberty or Unitil. Launching communities include:

- ✦ Cities of Lebanon, Nashua, and Portsmouth
- ✦ Towns of Canterbury, Enfield, Exeter, Hanover, Harrisville, Peterborough, Plainfield, Rye, and Walpole

As Coalition Membership swells, most recently growing to 35 cities, towns, and counties representing more than 24% of the New Hampshire population, we look forward to further accelerating New Hampshire's Community Power movement in the coming months and years.

MR. BRIAN CALLNAN IS COALITION'S 1ST CEO!

On April 21, 2023, CPCNH held its second Annual Membership and Board Meetings and announced the hiring of its first Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brian Callnan.

Mr. Callnan has a career leading power supply and project and program development for public power agencies. Most recently, Mr. Callnan served as Vice President of Power Resources & Access at NH Electric Co-op where he led the utility's roll out of "virtual power plants" and transactive energy rates harnessing distributed batteries and electric vehicles to lower power costs, among other projects.¹



COALITION ADOPTS \$51 MILLION 2023 BUDGET

Business conducted at our Annual Membership and Board Meetings also included:

- ✦ Adoption of a CY 2023 budget forecasting ~\$51 million in revenues, \$39 million in expenses, and ~\$12 million in community-controlled reserve funds by year's end
- ✦ Election of a slate of 20 Board Directors, and appointments populating our seven committees: Executive, Audit, Finance, Governance, Member Outreach and Engagement, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, and Risk Management

¹ Roberts, D. *Concord Monitor, Granite Geek*. 4/24/23. "NHEC Customers use electric cars as storage batteries to make a few extra bucks." <https://bit.ly/3HvDzyi>



NEW RATES, ~\$7 MILLION IN VALUE & SAVINGS

Our Board of Directors approved new Community Power rates that will be effective from August 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023. The rates, shown below, will save ~75,000 Community Power customers a combined ~\$5.5 million over the six-month period relative to what customers otherwise would have paid for utility energy service. Coalition communities will simultaneously accrue ~\$1.7 million in community financial reserves over the same period for long-term rate stability, and to enable financing of clean energy projects.

Power Options <i>Electricity supply rates effective 8/1/23 – 1/31/24</i>		Renewable Content	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost per Month*	6-month Savings
Utility Default Energy Service	Unitil	24.3%	13.257 ¢	± \$80	N/A
	Eversource		12.582 ¢	± \$75	
	Liberty		12.242 ¢	± \$73	
Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire	Clean 100	100%	15.2 ¢	± \$91	Clean Premium
	Clean 50	50%	12.3 ¢	± \$74	± (\$6) - \$36
	Granite Plus	33%	11.3 ¢	± \$68	± \$30 - \$72
	Granite Basic	23.4%	10.9 ¢	± \$65	± \$48 - \$90

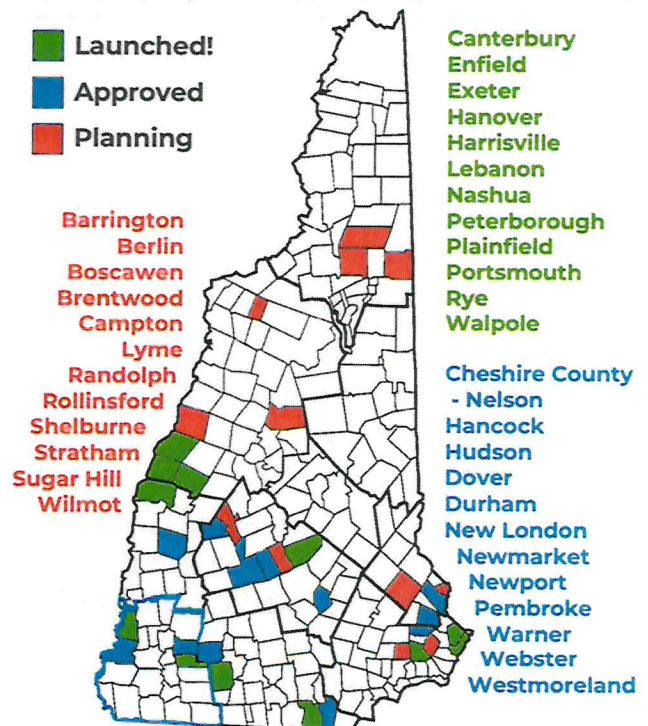
*Based on usage of 600 kWh per month

GEARING UP FOR WAVE 2 LAUNCH, AND BEYOND!

Wave 1 is just the beginning. A fleet of a dozen more Coalition Members representing a population of over 100,000 are gearing up for subsequent launches in the coming months.

Cheshire County, the City of Dover, and the towns of Durham, Hancock, Hudson, New London, Newmarket, Newport, Pembroke, Warner, Webster, and Westmoreland have received local approvals for their Community Power Plans and are preparing for a Wave 2 Launch.

Beyond this “second wave” of programs (shown in blue on the map), there are many more to come as the Community Power movement spreads across the Granite State. The level of interest in joining the Coalition has never been higher!





In the North Country's Androscoggin Valley, Berlin, Randolph and Shelburne are forming the state's first regional Community Power program. Some of the Coalition's other more recent Members — Brentwood, Boscawen, Campton, Lyme, Rollinsford, Stratham, Sugar Hill, and Wilmot — are well on their way to local approvals.

Cheshire: NH's 1st County Community Power Program Prepares to Launch

Cheshire is the first New Hampshire County to receive local and state approvals for a County-wide Community Power program that towns can elect to join.

The County model streamlines town access to Community Power benefits by minimizing regulatory burden.

Individual towns, by vote of their governing body, can join the state-approved Cheshire Community Power and launch service to lower electricity rates for homes and businesses (without waiting for regulatory approval).

Following our May 24th Cheshire Community Power forum — attended by local officials and community leaders from ten of Cheshire towns — Nelson became the first town to join Cheshire Community Power.

Nelson, and other participating towns, have a meaningful role in the governance and oversight of the program, and appoint representatives to the Cheshire Community Power Governance Council.



REGULATORY & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

New Hampshire communities and Community Power customers need modern market-based solutions for net metering, distributed energy, electric vehicle charging, and smart and efficient home devices to help manage load and cost.

The Coalition continues to lead regulatory and legislative initiatives proposing solutions that save money for our customers and create a cleaner, more innovative New Hampshire energy marketplace for all.

Recent CPCNH regulatory filings include:

- ⚡ Complaints Against Eversource at the NH Public Utilities Commission - <https://bit.ly/42XWf1A> , and the NH Department of Energy - <https://bit.ly/3pvnG8c>
- ⚡ Proposal to Enable Transactive Energy Rates in NH - <https://bit.ly/3CK5Y0K> in PUC investigation IR 22-076
- ⚡ Briefing on jurisdictional issues for limited producer pilots to enable community-scale clean energy projects to sell directly to Community Power by opening distribution system access - <https://bit.ly/3PxxCDY>
- ⚡ Testimony in "Purchase of Receivables" dockets: DE 23-002, DE 23-003, DE 23-004 <https://bit.ly/3JFQy1p>



Legislative Update:

Senate Bill 166, relative to grid modernization was amended by a Committee of Conference (at the request of NH Dept. of Energy) so as to scale back potential limited producer pilots to only two per utility and the second one cannot be proposed until 12 months after the first is proposed. This was at the NH DOE's request. They did keep the increase in pilot size of up to 5 MW each and some important clarifying language. Both chambers approved the final amendment on Thursday 6/29. <https://bit.ly/44bYyzG>

Other readings and filings of interest:

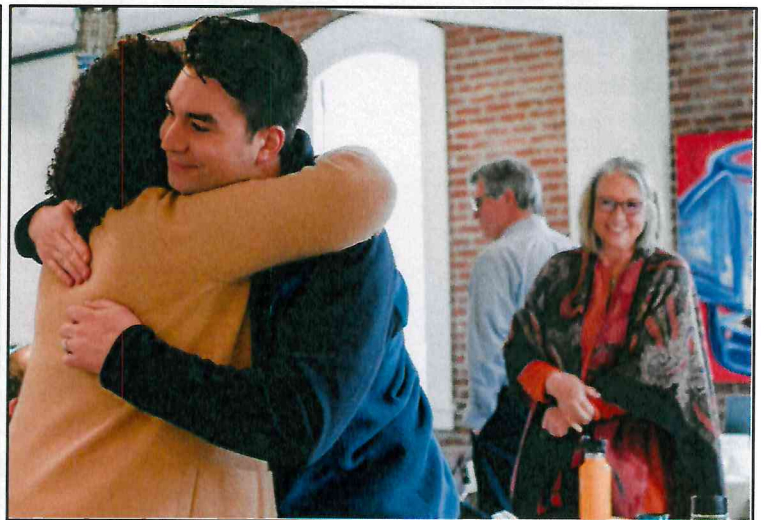
- ✓ NH Department of Energy updated the “Value of Distributed Energy Resources” study, finding considerable increase in DER value - <https://bit.ly/43Ww5NP>
- ✓ ISO New England dials back electricity concerns, citing efficiency and solar as assets for reliability - <https://bit.ly/3prZ65a>
- ✓ Eversource, Unitil, and Liberty propose to waive certain Community Power rules and recover costs to comply with part of Puc 2200 rules- <https://bit.ly/3CKJIUD>
- ✓ LEAN CCA White Paper, “A Cost-Effective Policy Tool that Accelerates Competitive Renewable Power Addition and Carbon Reduction at Scale” - <https://bit.ly/3PwDEGM>



PHOTO GALLERY: OUR COALITION MEMBERS









PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY POWER, THANK YOU!

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire is powered by hundreds of local leaders volunteering their time on the Coalition's Board, Committees and on their individual city, town and county Community Power Committees. Their success is a testament to our Granite State culture of civic engagement, community leadership, local control, and energy independence. The Coalition is incredibly grateful for the leadership roles played by each of these individuals, including but not nearly limited to:

- ⚡ Pentti Aalto
- ⚡ Renay Allen
- ⚡ Greg Ames
- ⚡ Jordan Applewhite
- ⚡ Bill Baber
- ⚡ Nat Balch
- ⚡ Chris Ballou
- ⚡ David Bates
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- ⚡ Allen Bell
- ⚡ Clifton Below
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- ⚡ Patsy Beffa-Negrini
- ⚡ Normandie Blake
- ⚡ Rod Bouchard
- ⚡ Sherry Boschert
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- ⚡ James Burroughs
- ⚡ Meghan Butts
- ⚡ Jim Callihan
- ⚡ Clyde Carson
- ⚡ Charlie Case
- ⚡ Tony Cassady
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- ⚡ Kevin Charette
- ⚡ Ed Cherian
- ⚡ Deb Chisholm
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- ⚡ Margo Connors
- ⚡ Kate Cook
- ⚡ Leah Corwin
- ⚡ Jo-Ellen Courtney
- ⚡ George Cummings
- ⚡ Ben D'Antonio
- ⚡ Ray Danforth
- ⚡ Paul Deschaine
- ⚡ Nick Devonshire
- ⚡ Andrew Dey
- ⚡ Kathy Doherty
- ⚡ Scott Doherty
- ⚡ James Donchess
- ⚡ Dori Drachman
- ⚡ Richard Frederickson
- ⚡ Charles George
- ⚡ Julie Gilman
- ⚡ James Graham
- ⚡ Steve Grenier
- ⚡ Jan Gugliotti
- ⚡ Katie Hamon
- ⚡ David Hemenway
- ⚡ Robbie Hertneky
- ⚡ Jamie Hess
- ⚡ Lew Hitzrot
- ⚡ Andrea Hodson
- ⚡ Steve Holmgren
- ⚡ Lenore Howe
- ⚡ Joel Huberman
- ⚡ Ned Hulbert
- ⚡ Ed Juengst
- ⚡ Howard Kalet
- ⚡ Jackson Kaspari
- ⚡ Kathleen Kelley
- ⚡ Bill Kennedy
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- ⚡ Peter Kulbacki
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- ⚡ Joseph Lamattina
- ⚡ Peter T. Lampesis, Jr.
- ⚡ Robin Rainie Lobacz
- ⚡ Paul Looney
- ⚡ Andrew Maneval
- ⚡ Dennis Marcom
- ⚡ Tim Meehan
- ⚡ Danica Melone
- ⚡ Kate Messner
- ⚡ Mandy Merrill
- ⚡ Matt Miller
- ⚡ Mary Day Mordecai
- ⚡ Howard Moffett
- ⚡ Tad Montgomery
- ⚡ Michael Nadeau
- ⚡ Peter Nelson
- ⚡ Neil Nevins
- ⚡ Charlie Niebling
- ⚡ Henry Noel
- ⚡ Jeffrey North
- ⚡ Evan Oxenham
- ⚡ George Packard
- ⚡ Tim Paradis
- ⚡ Christopher Parker
- ⚡ Tom Pfau
- ⚡ Michael Prange
- ⚡ Peggy Pschirrer
- ⚡ Craig Putnam
- ⚡ Debbie Putnam
- ⚡ Jeffrey Quackenbush
- ⚡ Hebe Quinton
- ⚡ Kim Quirk
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Thank you to our service providers!

Our community leaders would like to offer a special thanks to our incredible professional services team who have worked tirelessly to enable the launch of our Community Power market.

Without them, Community Power would not be possible.

A big, big thank you to the following individuals and organizations on our professional services team:

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