

Westmoreland Community Power Advisory Committee
August 8, 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, John Snowdon (BOS), guest Paul Looney; absent, Alan Bell

July Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

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

New Business

- Paul Looney, chair of the Walpole Community Power Committee, joined our meeting at the invitation of Mark to tell us about how Walpole, one of the first wave towns to join the CPCNH and go live, navigated the process. We wanted to know what we need to do going forward and how the Walpole power committee communicated with the residents of Walpole.

Paul said it was a long-term decision by the committee and they knew that going with CPCNH was the way to go because of their legislative advocacy and because “we knew CPCNH was always going to have our back.” He said they’ve been very responsive. He acknowledged that there was a problem with billing at the very beginning but that had been resolved. He said less than 5 percent of Walpole residents opted out of community power. “People are happy with it,” he said.

When Mark asked what we need to look out for, Paul advised us to read and know the contracts. He said once the town went live, the committee stopped meeting as often.

Walpole Community Power Committee communicates with its residents via a town newsletter and the town website.

- We will invite Randall Walter to come to a future meeting to discuss solar possibilities at the fire station

There being no other business, Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting and Terry seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting is September 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Westmoreland Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Cox