

Westmoreland Community Power Committee

Minutes

January 26th, 2023, Unapproved

Members Present

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

Public Present

Kathy Cox

7pm Meeting Started by Mark Terry

705pm Minutes approved from last meeting by Unanimous Vote.

The board spoke about the last meeting and how we could improve on the presentation before the next hearing. We as a group agreed that it should be much simpler and that it required editing in order to remove redundancy's. The group agreed to individually look at the power point presentation and make comments.

730pm Scott Talbot had questions about the reserve fund listed in the New Hampshire Power Coalition and how it could be used. Mark, Alan and Melissa explained how the broader coalitions fund would be used to offset the cost or electricity. Though there are opportunities within the coalition for communities to create additional funds by adding to the cost of energy it is not something as a community we plan on doing, furthermore the committee agreed that the sole purpose of the committee is to reduce the costs of power.

The group then discussed what we could do to get the word out about the next hearing and how we might handle the March town meeting.

Melissa mentioned that it was not clear to her how Net Metering would be handled. Alan also mentioned that he didn't understand who's responsibility it is to handle Net metering. Mark is hoping to get further clarity once the coalition goes live and it will be helpful to see how other towns are handling it.

743 Alan Bell moved that we close the meeting Scott Talbot 2nd, and all voted in favor.

Submitted by Alan Bell committee member and Clerk