

Community Power Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023

Present: Janet Byron, Emily Wrubel, Richard Pelletier (chairperson), Riché Colcombe, Augie Ros, Emily Manns (Standard Power representative)

Absent: None

In attendance: Ann Ros

Meeting called to order by Richard Pelletier at 9:02 AM.

Emily W. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/26/23, Augie seconded. Augie, Janet, Emily W., Richard approved, Riché abstained.

The bulk of the meeting was spent reviewing the Community Power survey pamphlet that will be distributed to the town. Janet had incorporated all suggested changes from the prior meeting.

Action: Riché and Emily W. to send Janet photos of Gleason Falls Rd. bridge for the cover photo.

- Emily M. suggested circling the Supply sections on the sample Eversource bill, not the Delivery section.
- Augie and Emily M. suggested adding an asterisk after “Anticipated cost savings” with the following caveat: “Cost savings cannot be guaranteed because future Eversource utility rates are not known.”
- Emily M. suggested adding “Choice for” before “higher percentage of renewable energy use” in response to Augie's concern for statement accuracy.
- Replace the phrase “Multi-year fixed rate” with “Extended fixed rate” when talking about rate duration since the term of the contract will not be known until after Program approval.
- **Action:** Emily M. to make sure the Community Power website is clear that Budget Billing applies to the entire bill, not just Delivery.
- Richard confirmed that **11/8 and 12/13 at 6:00PM** are good for the public hearings. The wording was changed to “Hillsborough will hold two informational public hearings at Town Hall on 11/8 and 12/13 at 6:00PM.”
- Bold and underline “**will not**” for customers not on Eversource.
- Augie had concerns about the wording for Net Metering customers. Because net metering customers will be automatically enrolled in the Program (unless they opt-out), they could be adversely impacted unless they really understand the rules of engagement and the fact that they ***will not be paid*** for excess energy they export under the Program. The wording was changed to: “Customers with Net Metering (i.e. solar panels) need to evaluate whether participation in the Program will benefit them.” Further clarification could be made in future public meetings, the letter, and the website during the launch process.
- Move the question about “Home or Business” to Question 1.
- Pamphlet logistics: **Action:** Janet will:
 - make all suggested changes, including photo.
 - post pamphlet link online and send to the committee.
 - Standard Power to create a print-ready .pdf pamphlet. Although the fonts and colors do not have to be an exact match, we would like the final product to look reasonably like the

- original, adding appropriate spacing, etc. as needed.
- The final .pdf from Standard Power will be reviewed at the next meeting, if ready. Standard Power will then print some number of copies at Premier Printing for manual distribution around Hillsborough.

Motion to approve the survey as amended made by Emily W., Riché seconded, all approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 @ 10:30AM – 12:00PM.

Motion to adjourn at 10:05AM by Emily W., seconded by Augie, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Byron