

**COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE
TOWN OF WALPOLE
Minutes, October 27, 2021**

Paul Looney, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm in the Selectboard Office of Walpole Town Hall. Present were Dennis Marcom Andrew Dey, Rod Bouchard, and Peggy Pschirrer absent were Patrick Kiniry and Steve Grenier.

The minutes of September 22, 2021 were approved with one correction. The Committee needs minutes from October 6 and 13, the latter was the Public meeting.

Mr. Looney asked if Jodi Daigle could create an email link to goggle. documents for sharing templates and committee minutes.

We need to complete the aggregation document; we are using Harrisville's document as a template.

We also need to write a Warrant to be used at Town Meeting. Both documents need to be finished by December.

Mr. Looney asked if the members of the Committee are comfortable with our membership in the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. The members present agreed we want to be members of CPCNH.

CPCNH is working with a Washington DC law firm who is willing to work without pay or money up front. Each Town who is a member of the Coalition has one vote. The Coalition will be hiring an Executive who will work for sweat equity. The Coalition will build up a fund over time. CPC will be using the same poles; purchasing will be different than currently, and CPC will be moving toward renewable energy.

Chesterfield is putting up a Town owned solar farm on Town owned land. Any Walpole reserves can be used for Walpole purposes.

Does Walpole have land for a solar field?

Each Town's Aggregate plan goes to the PUC for approval.

Paul indicated that the CPCNH Board meets as a whole for business purposes but is broken up into committees which meet between meetings of the Board. Paul is a member of the Members Operation and Execution Committee.

We will ask Henry Herndon to allow us access to the Google Drive which has folders for each committee and templates. We can check the templates for a list of requirements.

We need to put our information on the Town web site. Who is managing that website? Is Ryan Harrison still working with the website?

We need to file some stories with the Keene Sentinel and publish in the CLARION.

Mr. Marcom will write a column for the December issue of the CLARION.

Questions were raised about how much money the Town is spending – particularly in town owned buildings- on electric power.

There may be unused money from COVID funds which can be used for Development for renewable energy. How much land does Walpole own which is open and unused?

Do we have maps for open spaces? There are Conservation Maps; at least one is in the Selectboard office.

We need three phase power upgrades.

What are your visions for New Hampshire?

How can we manage energy programs for utilities – light bulbs, appliances, energy audits for houses. Can we pay to replace woodstoves? Insulate homes?

We need informational meetings.

The Committee adjourned at approximately 8 p.m. Our next meeting is November 8 at 6:30 pm.