

## **LEE COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **November 15, 2022**

**Present:** Mary Woodward, Don Anderson, Erik Johnson (Physical Quorum completed)

**ATTENDING ON ZOOM:** Louis Grondin, Guest: Carol Doering (Lee Resident)

**Standard Power Guest and Presenter:** Emily Manns

Town Administrator Andrew Robertson initiated the Zoom Meeting

- Initial discussion of the recent NHBR Newsletter Erik presented amplified the need for our efforts as even Eversource is having trouble getting bids. Emily validated that all in the business are concerned about price and availability of electrical power.
- Lou Grondin requested Emily to give us a rundown on action items to get us moving forward.
- Discussion was held on implementation plan timing and the wording of the Town Vote—Emily to update the timeline to correct “Town Meeting” of 3/14 with “Town Vote.” There was a question of whether it would require a warrant article to be voted upon.
- The town web page for Consumer Power Committee is still needed—she will work with both Denise Duval and Andrew to get it initiated. Discussion of what to link to. Recommended:
  - The Information sheet on the Consumer Power Program.
  - Discussion on putting the Committee members on the web site discovered we were already on the town of Lee web site as the Energy committee. It already demonstrated the ability to contact Lou through the town offices without listing personal phone or e-mail contacts.
- The survey of residents: Erik indicated it was on Facebook at “Neighbor-Lee.” We should all check it out and “like” it. He re-posted to bring the page further up for easy access.
  - Erick queried how many responses we have had to this point and Emily requested from her team to find out the number. They later reported back that 43 people so far – a pleasant surprise. Emily indicated earlier that Candia had 70 total responses before moving forward and indicated towns are normally happy with over 50.
  - Emily will send us an excel spreadsheet of the results—first step is to check for duplicates.
- Emily stressed trying all outlets to get people aware. E-Crier, Flyers at the Library, Community Power Page for the town Web Site. Lou volunteered to write an initial short blurb draft for committee review to go on the E-Crier. It is hoped we can do so before this Friday’s posting.
- Emily showed the town of Swanzey’s and Candia’s web sites for our understanding of what we could do for Lee. Discussion was around the logistics and content of the sites.
- Carol requested an understanding of what was our Charter from the Select Board. “To inform, or to promote and advocate?.” Are we yet an official committee of the town (Consumer Power Action Committee)? We do have a Memo of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Select Board. Mary sent out the MOU to the committee prior to the meeting.
- Emily suggested we get on future Select Board Meeting agendas to present Consumer Power (10- minute presentation and then conversation) to prepare and update everyone. The next meeting of the SB is on 11/28 and Committee members are encouraged to attend if we can.
- Next Meeting of the CP committee is scheduled for 11/29/22.