

## **LEE COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **December 13, 2022**

**Present:** Mary Woodward, Don Anderson, Louis Grondin, Katrin Kasper (BOS representative), Barbara Wauchope

**Guests:** Carol Doering, (Lee Resident)

**ATTENDING ON ZOOM:** Guest: Emily Mann (Standard Power)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Community Power Plan action items and dates:

1. Information on Community Power on Town Web site ASAP (Completed 12-14-22)
2. Packet from Standard Power (Emily Mann) to town: ASAP (completed 12-14-22!)
3. Update on the E-Crier: ASAP (completed 12-16-22)
4. Warrant article to be approved by the BOS: 1/9/23
5. Next CPC / Energy Committee meeting: Tuesday 1/10/23
  - a. Discussion and decision on the use and placement of flyers.
  - b. Discussion and decision on the design, use and distribution of Lawn signs
6. Next Public CPC meeting: Tuesday 1/17/22 10:30 AM
7. Scheduled CPC / Energy Committee meeting: Tuesday 1/24/23?
8. Third and final CPC Public Meeting: Saturday 2/4/23
9. Vote on the Warrant Article on Town Voting Day of 3/14/23

There was a fabulous Lee survey done in 2011?

(Reference all this in the Lee Welcome Packet?)

Please note that the Lee Energy Handbook is an incredible resource!

Does it need updating?

The Lee Energy Committee was formed in 2009 and has been tasked by the Board of Selectman to investigate the town's energy use, create a town-scale greenhouse gas inventory, and engage, educate, and enthuse local residents around energy efficiency and renewable energy.

1. The initial discussion with Emily Mann was about sending the CP materials to the town to post on the town web site. Katrin will alert the town of it coming. Emily will send a copy of the proposed warrant article wording. She also recommended a third public hearing in January for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 24<sup>th</sup>, to insure enough feedback from the public. It was decided to have an additional meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to enable this. Public discussions are then available January 17<sup>th</sup>, and the final February 4<sup>th</sup> deliberative session in addition to the 12/12 discussion at the BOS meeting. It was felt we needed the additional, second meeting to react to any questions from the first public meeting or information updates.
2. The warrant article wording, needing to happen right away, Katrin felt sounded good as presented at the BOS meeting.
3. Katrin wanted to make sure Emily is ready for the presentation and she said she was and could communicate it to us via e-mail this week. Emily will send the packet to Lou who will disperse it to the committee. She requested once the flyer is approved could we do it on a color printer in the town offices? Mary wanted to make sure that the line Emily

recommended: “that it is at no cost to the community” was included on the materials. Katrin felt everything on the warrant article was stated well and would convey this message.

4. Emily thought it was important that someone from the town should be the ones to present it in future public sessions. Lou and Don can do so at both the Public Committee meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> (at 10:30 AM) made into a public meeting over Zoom. This gives additional time for responding to feedback prior to the Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> deliberative session.
5. The Lee Community Power website needs to be up and going but we all know that the town offices are very busy due to budget meetings. Mary mentioned we have a new technology committee, and should we contact? Emily feels she should not pressure Denise about the web site. Can someone from the committee contact them? We think Erik is amazing at doing this and was recommended. We will ask.
6. Emily was thinking about lawn signs, but some concern was voiced about the frozen ground, but it can be a powerful way to get people information. “Vote for Lee Community Power Initiative—Warrant #?” or “YES on #22!” seem to be appropriate for it. Does Emily have a sign company they already use? We would need to think about the materials used by whatever company we choose—there will always be questions. Recommended bright green with black or white lettering. “No cost to you.” being added? Don’t want it to get too wordy. Emily will get someone in their office started on it. Mary will send the example of “CLIMATE ACTION NOW” to not compete with it.
7. Press releases to Fosters Daily Democrat and Seacoast on line after the web site is set up.
8. The vote on the warrant article will be at the town vote of 3-14-22, the date needs to be verified.
9. Our next meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January – it will be a Public Hearing.

Community Power Committee concerns:

From the CPC agreement with Standard Power:

Regulatory events, such as new or altered requirements for the Renewable Portfolio Standard, or new taxes may result in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the ESA. In such cases, the Town and the Competitive Supplier will negotiate a potential change in the program price. At least 30 days prior to the implementation of any such change, the Town will notify customers of the change in price by issuing a media release and posting a notice in Town Hall and on the program website. The Town shall also notify the NHPUC Consumer Services and External Affairs Division prior to implementation of any change in the Program price related to a regulatory event or new taxes. Such notice shall be provided prior to notifying customers and will include copies of all media releases, postings on the Town and Program websites and any other communications the Town intends to provide to customers regarding the price change.