

LEE COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Don Anderson, Louis Grondin, Barbara Wauchope, Carol Doering, Erik Johnson, Bill Humm.

Guest: Emily Manns, Standard Power via phone.

Meeting starts at 10:30am

OLD BUSINESS:

The CPC Minutes of 1/31/23 were reviewed and approved.

Community Power Plan Action items (**updates in Bold**):

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: (completed 12-16-22)
4. Warrant article to be approved by the BOS: **discussed and approved for 2/4/23.**
The often-updated Warrant Article was finalized at deliberative session. (**Complete**).
5. Next CPC / Energy Committee meeting: Tuesday 1/10/23, **refer to minutes.**
6. Discussion and decision on the use and placement of flyers. **The committee continues to work out how to get more information into the community's hands for the vote (see items #3 and #4 below).**
7. 10 posters printed for review and distributed **as noted in 1-31-23 minutes.**
8. **Discussion on the use and distribution of Lawn signs continues (item #2 under new business).**
9. Committee members requested that the FAQ sheet be printed for handouts (All developed information is available on the web site).
10. Community Power Agreement sent to legal ASAP. (**status after next BOS mtg.?**)
11. Public CPC meeting: Tuesday 1/17/22 10:30 AM (**Completed**)
12. **Article for Foster's Daily Democrat: Mary Woodward took on this task for the committee and has presented exceptional progress, requesting feedback over EM to the Chairman and Standard Power. The committee felt it does not need to fully review for submittal but should be run by the town administrator once complete. Lou to connect with him in this regard.**
13. CPC / Energy Committee meeting: Tuesday 1/31/23. (**refer to minutes**).
14. Final CPC Public Meeting at the deliberative session: Saturday 2/4/23.
 - a. **Lou developed handouts and presented the case for CPC. Other members of the committee attended and supported the effort. Warrant Article passed for Town Vote.**
15. **Next two committee meeting dates are 2/28/23 and 3/7/23.**
16. Vote on the Warrant Article on Town Voting Day of 3/14/23

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The meeting was called to order outside the PSB, as we had to wait to gain access. The initial discussion was regarding the Dual Agendas of the two committees and the start time of each. It was agreed to provide a single agenda to the town such that the start time of the Energy Committee wasn't confusing (right after CPC meeting). **Don to update** and forward to the committee—**Lou to forward to Denise** after review. The CPC meeting was conducted over the phone with Emily Mann of Standard Power. It continued once access to the building was obtained.
2. The initial discussion with Standard Power was the use of lawn signs. Emily provided feedback that other towns felt it was "electioneering" and decided not to do it. She thought she provided that information previously for our consideration. The committee agreed it was electioneering but that was its purpose—to get people to vote on it in at the Town Vote. **Lou agreed to speak with the Town Administrator** as to our use in Lee and how best worded. Whether "electioneering" signs could be posted 30 days or 90 days prior (Warrant Article I) will be moot as we are within the 30-day period. *The real question is what can be done by our next meeting of 2/28/23 and who can do so?*
3. The main discussion concerned how to continue to get information to the town citizens. **Barb volunteered** to make a "short blurb" for the voter guide. She then discussed with Emily Manns the essential bullet points to make and will submit it for EM review and forwarding to the Town. Emily recommended that "distilling it down, especially through our lens, was important."
4. Lou mentioned we that could possibly do something at the transfer station, perhaps a booth or table as well to answer people's questions. There were concerns:
 - a. Would people be interested enough to stop?
 - b. It would need to be informational in nature—perhaps an offer to "ask us questions about Community Power electricity supply?"
 - c. **Mary's newspaper article** might get people curious about it.
 - d. Specific dates, if feasible, need to be determined, dependent on weather and volunteers.
 - e. **Lou indicated he would contact** the Transfer Station Manager(?) Martin Thomaston (?).
5. Final Discussion centered around the *timing* of implementation based on a specific question out of the deliberative session. Keene is close to getting approved through the Public Utility Commission (PUC). Emily indicated we are probably in the second wave. We need 60 days from "requesting customer data." It is possible to get it ready for June or July based on the 3/14/23 vote, but then there is a blackout period of August and September. Therefore, if not prior it would be after in October or November. PUC submittal is possible even before the vote over the next couple of weeks if the committee wants to do so but no decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Anderson.