

Energy and Environment

June 30, 2022

Meeting Minutes



Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Attending Ellen Read, Joe Lamattina. Emily Jones (Committee Member Applicant)

Guests: Henry Herndon – Community Power Coalition (CPC)

As this meeting was a workshop meeting for the purpose of developing the Newmarket Energy Aggregation Plan no formal quorum is required, no formal decisions will be made.

Ellen Read stated this is the first of multiple sessions to edit and develop the Energy Aggregation Plan required by RSA prior to passing it to the Newmarket Town Council for their review and potential approval.

Mr. Herndon gave a brief overview of what CPC is and its charter.

Mr. Herndon walked thru the table of content for the Newmarket Energy and Aggregation Plan. The current document is a template supplied by Community Power. Mr. Herndon stated that two new sections have been added to the template at the request of NH Utilities Commission. There are sections that are basically word for word for the legislation that authorized CPC and it's goals and there are sections that will be specific to Newmarket. It is the Newmarket Sections that this group will concentrate on.

There was discussion on what would trigger the Town Of Newmarket to launch the Newmarket Community Power program. Final wording was deferred to future meetings.

There was discussion that Eversource is the current default energy provider for Newmarket and this program replaces Eversource with Newmarket Community Power as the default. People will have the option to Opt-In or Opt-Out.

There was discussion that the RSA Legislation authorizes the Newmarket Energy Aggregation Committee to arrange and contract for services in conjunction with the Newmarket Town Council. Mr. Lamattina suggested an edit change that states the Newmarket Energy and Environment Advisory Committee is the Newmarket Energy Aggregation Committee referenced throughout the document. Mr. Herndon suggested that there should be a formal approval of this by the Town Council. Ms. Read stated she believed a formal resolution was sent to the Newmarket Town Council. Mr. Lamattina will follow up with the town manager.

There was discussion about costs and utilization and what information is being shared by Eversource.

There was discussion about the term “set rates”, Mr. Herndron stated Newmarket has the option to contract with CPC to set rates or they can decide they want a different higher rate with additional revenues going into a Newmarket reserve.

There was discussion about costs and staffing. Should not impact taxpayers, only applies to rate payers, with the exception of some initial startup costs such as lawyer review. Town can choose to join or not join projects with other communities.

There was discussion about potential future innovations and services offered by CPC such as cheaper rates at lower demand time periods.

The group reviewed the section Newmarket Goals and Objectives.

The group agreed to continue review of the Energy Aggregation Plan at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Next meeting(s) : Regular Session - July 5th – Town Hall – 7pm