

Minutes
Concord NH Community Power Sub-Committee
October 5, 2023 - DRAFT

Attendance:

Sub-Committee Members: Chuck Willing, Councilor Byron Champlin

Absent: Chairman Rob Werner

Advisory guests: Joseph Kwasnik, Sam Evans-Brown, Tim Robson, Beth Greenblatt

EEAC Members Present: Carl Cooley, Dot Currier, Councilor Stacey Brown

City Staff: Beth Fenstermacher

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05.
2. Joe and Chuck gave a summary overview of the 10/3 Community Power input session.
3. Discussion for the 11/14 session-
Address low income impacts (question was asked at 10/3 presentation. Points to make: default is also unpredictable' still have access to assistance programs; reserves can be built up for more potential assistance programs; and, customers can always opt out at any time.

Also, get an example of a utility bill and go through how to read it, showing where customers will see the difference.

4. Dot requested that a summary of acronyms be provided in any future materials that go out, specifically the comparison document prepared by Chuck.
5. Discussion of Next Steps
 - Request City Solicitor review documents. Chuck will send a review packet to Beth F., she'll forward to Jim Kennedy
 - Invite FPAC to a future meeting. Provide additional education addressing concerns raised by FPAC Chair Nyhan at a previous meeting
 - Follow up discussions with City Manager, Brian Lebrun, Jim Kennedy, others?
 - Add FAQs to City website
 - Present a version of the public information presentation to City Council at the November 13th meeting
 - Invite CEOs from Standard Power and the Coalition to present at a future meeting
6. A question was raised about how the reserve fund is used in the Coalition mode. Sam Evans-Brown stated that it was still to be determined. He further explained how the Coalition sets the rate after the utility, with a goal to always be lower than the utility,

but not guaranteed. The reserve funds could help off-set this difference. Concord would have a specific discretionary reserve fund.

7. The next meeting of the sub-committee will focus on review of the 2 draft plans. The next meeting date was scheduled for 10/18 at 11 am.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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