



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 29, 2023 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Present: Partick Reynolds, Joe Lamattina, Roberta Branca, Ellen Read, Alex Rentumis, Ginny Ouellette

Guest: Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer)

Excused: Julianna Tyson, Bill Raley

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Comment Open at 7:02

Public Comment Closed at 7:02

The committee welcomed new member Ginny Ouellette.

Ellen stated that at the last meeting on October 25, we technically did not have a quorum therefore the approval of the September 27, 2023 was not valid and would have to re-approve the minutes tonight.

Minutes from Sept. 27, 2023

Motion to approve – Joe Lamattina

Second – Patrick Reynolds

Approved – 5, 0, 1 Abstain

Minutes from October 25, 2023

Motion to approve – Joe Lamattina

Second – Roberta Branca

Approved – 5, 0, 1 Abstain

Ellen gave a recap on Newmarkets enrollment into The Community Power Coalition Of New Hampshire (CPCNH). Newmarket was a founding member started over 2 years ago, creating an alternative power supply company. Eleven communities officially launched earlier this year. Last year Newmarket approved a resolution to “aspire” to utilizing 100% renewable energy by 2030 for homes and town facilities.

Joe gave an update on Newmarket Community Power Launch Timeline.

- Friday Dec. 15th, CPCNH will announce Winter Rates (Feb 1, 2024 thru July 2024).
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th, Town Manager will announce whether he approves March 2024 as a launch date for Newmarket Community Power. Criteria, rates have to be lower than Eversource, launching has to be in best interest of Newmarket Residents.
- Monday January 22, 2024 – CPCNH will send mailers to Newmarket Residents informing them they will be enrolled in Newmarket Community Power and how to “Opt-Out” if they so desire.
- Wednesday January 31st, 2024 – Energy and Environment Committee has to host a Public Forum on Newmarket Community Power.
- March 2024, Newmarket Residents switched to Newmarket community Power.
- April 2024, Newmarket Residents receive first bill from Newmarket Community power.

The committee can start public education starting December 21, assuming Town Manager authorizes launching in March.

The committee agreed to discuss and plan a public education plan at our next meeting. Joe stated CPCNH will supply 1,000 5X8 cards similar to the ones he passed out. New cards will have the Newmarket Community Power logo. CPCNH will also supply 2 banners and two large posters.

There was discussion about creating unique eMail Ids specific to The Energy and Environment Committee, this will help facilitate any Right To Know requests and allow for access to shared documents on a shared drive hosted by the town.

Ellen walked the committee thru the recommendations she and Roberta have been working on for updates to the Newmarket Master Plan. The first part is a suggestion to the Planning Board to add “Guiding Values” to the Master Plan. Guiding Values set the stage for what the master plan covers and why. This section is just a suggestion to the Planning Board as it is outside the area of this committees charge and is offered only as an example of what “Guiding Values” may contain.

The second part is the actual Energy Chapter that The Committee is being asked to submit to the Planning Board. Ellen walked thru the various sections stating it is fully expected that The Strafford Regional Planning Commission, who have been contracted to help rewrite and update Newmarkets Master Plan Chapters into a consistent document, will edit, change and expand upon the document.

1.0 - Enabling Legislation for the Energy Chapter of the Master Plan

2.0 - Vision

3.0 - Energy Objectives for The Town of Newmarket

4.0 - Energy Profile of the Town of Newmarket

4.1 - Electric Usage Profile of Residential and Commercial Newmarket Property

4.2 - Energy Usage Profile of Municipal Facilities, Including Town Vehicles

4.3 - Energy Profile of Newmarket Transportation

5.0 - Actions

5.1 - Efficiency

5.2 - Clean Energy Generation and Procurement Plan

5.3 - Transportation – 100% renewable by 2050

5.4 – Heating – 100% by 2050

The group discussed continuing work on the chapter. Patrick suggested Strafford Regional has been

hired to do this work, the document is in pretty good shape. The Committee should submit the document as is and let the professionals take it from there, the committee will get opportunities to review and update the document at a later point.

The Committee agreed, Lyndsay will submit to Bart McDonough, who will interface with Strafford Regional and The Planning Board.

The committee agreed to change the next meeting date.

Next meeting Friday, December 29, 2023 – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM