

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
Community Power Aggregation Committee
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2023

Call to Order

The Allenstown Community Power Aggregation Committee Meeting of January 31, 2023 was called to order by Chair Scott McDonald at 12:03 pm. Chair McDonald called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present on the Board: Scott McDonald, Derik Goodine, Brian Arsenault, Veronica Anaya, and Jim Rodger.

Excused: Ron Adinolfo
Ryan Mahoney
Stephen LaPorte

Residents of Allenstown: N/A

Others present: Robert Hayden, Standard Power
Theresa MacDowell, Standard Power
Mike O'Meara – Volunteer Administration

Public Officials: None

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Update on the Community Power Survey

Ms. MacDowell advised that a total of 45 survey responses had been received as of Jan 31, 2023. Mr. McDonald stated that an effort would be made to solicit further responses at the Town Deliberative Session on February 04, 2023. Mr. Goodine and Mr. O'Meara will also attempt to meet with individuals at the Senior Center to provide information on the Community Power Program and gather additional survey responses.

There was a general discussion on how to manage social media comments about the program and Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Hayden about the possibility of using a mailer to residents and the associated costs. Mr. Hayden advised postage costs in the 35-40 cent ranges plus the cost of the mailer itself, but cautioned that such a mailer is likely to be discarded by recipients. Mr. Hayden additionally offered to address such comments or inquiries on a case-by-case basis on behalf of the Committee, should that be desired. Mr. Hayden also opined that it was up to the Committee to decide if it engages or chooses to participate in the social media option but advised that if the Committee chooses to do so, it would then have to continue to do so as part of the process. Ms. MacDowell also advised that approx. 73% of respondents to the survey would like to receive updates on the program via the Website/Facebook and that Facebook might be a method of communication with residents. Mr. O'Meara opined that if the Committee decides to engage with social media as a communication method, then standard responses should be developed so that the same message is provided in response to inquiries. Mr. O'Meara also proposed expanding the original Allenstown FAQ document to answer questions posed by social media users. Mr. Hayden asked that any questions that the Committee would like addressed in the FAQ document be sent to Ms. MacDowell for inclusion in the expanded document.

Mr. Goodine next addressed some comments that were received about using Standard Power to assist with the program and how they were chosen, how much money they are making from the program, why Allentown did not join with the consortium that the City of Concord is using, etc. It was noted that Allentown has a long-standing relationship with Standard Power for energy use in municipal buildings and that this program was a natural extension of that relationship. Mr. Goodine also explained the time commitment required in participating in both the Concord consortium and the Allentown program and that overall, this was the best option for the town's residents. It was also again noted that there is no up-front cost to the town for Standard Power's services and no impact on the town budget. Mr. Hayden also explained that should the program be approved by residents at Town Meeting and later implemented, Standard Power would receive one tenth of one cent (\$0.001) of the negotiated per kilowatt-hour rate by way of compensation for the development and ongoing management of the program.

Later in the meeting, it was decided that Wednesday, February 8th would be the last day to solicit and submit survey responses. This will provide time for Standard Power to update the Community Power Plan for final review by the Committee at a meeting planned for February 13, 2023, at which time the Committee would vote to approve the final plan, in time for inclusion in printed Town Ballots for the March 2023 Town Meeting.

- Notifications to Residents

In progress by Standard Power – no examples to share at this time.

Unapproved Minutes

- **January 24, 2023**

Brian Arsenault made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Veronica Anaya.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Scott McDonald- Aye, Veronica Anaya- Aye, Brian Arsenault- Aye, Derik Goodine- Aye, and Jim Rodger- Aye.

The motion passed and the minutes for January 24, 2023 were approved as written.

Correspondence or Other Business

- N/A

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 06, 2023 at the Allentown Town Hall.

Adjourn

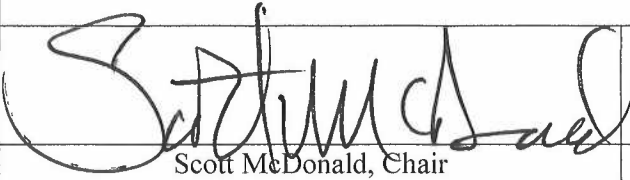
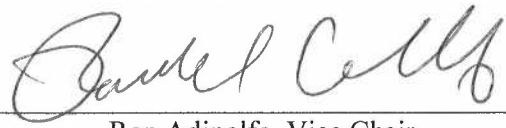

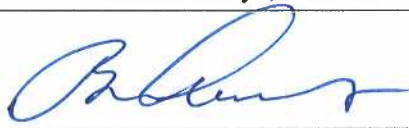
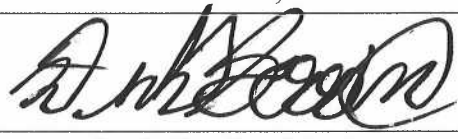
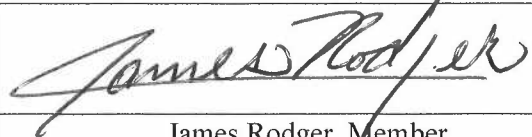
Brian Arsenault made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Veronica Anaya.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Scott McDonald- Aye, Veronica Anaya- Aye, Brian Arsenault- Aye, Derik Goodine- Aye, and Jim Rodger- Aye.

The Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

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Approval:	
 Scott McDonald, Chair	2/13/23 Date
 Ron Adinolfo, Vice Chair	2/13/2023 Date
 Veronica Anaya, Member	2/13/2023 Date
 Brian Arsenault, Member	2/15/23 Date
 Derik Goodine, Member	2/13/23 Date
Excused Stephen LaPorte, Member	N/A Date
Excused Ryan Mahoney, Member	N/A Date
 James Rodger, Member	2/13/2023 Date