

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
Community Power Aggregation Committee
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
Meeting Minutes
March 07, 2023

Call to Order

The Allenstown Community Power Aggregation Committee Meeting of March 07, 2023 was called to order by Chair Scott McDonald at 12:02 pm. Chair McDonald called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present on the Board: Scott McDonald, Ron Adinolfo, Derik Goodine, Brian Arsenault, Veronica Anaya, Ryan Mahoney, Stephen LaPorte, and Jim Rodger.

Excused: N/A

Residents of Allenstown: N/A

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

Public Officials: None

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Notification to Residents

Ms. MacDowell advised that the development of the language for resident notifications for Allenstown was in progress. She also advised that a start date of either July 01 or October 01, 2023 was anticipated for Allenstown, subject to voter approval of the Power Plan that will be before residents at the Town Meeting on March 14th.

- Preparations for March 14 Town Meeting

No specific preparations were anticipated with Mr. McDonald and Mr. O'Meara indicating that they planned to be at the polling location to answer any questions that residents might have about the program or the proposed Power Plan.

- Discussion on Solar Power

There was a general discussion among those present on the current and potential future use of solar power in Allenstown, for municipal, residential, and private/business use.

Mr. Goodine discussed a pending contract to add solar panels to the community center and wanted to bring it to the Committees attention for discussion prior to implementation, as it was previously stated that following the completion of the current effort on community power, the Committee could potentially expand its activities to look at other energy initiatives in Allenstown, including the wider use of solar power installations.

Mr. Goodine advised that the contract to install solar panels on the community center had been delayed for a period of time but was now ready to proceed. There followed general discussions on the contract, installation, maintenance, etc. of the solar panels and a concern was raised about the adequacy of the

community center roof to both support the installation as well as the age of the roofing shingles and whether or not they would outlive the life of the installation or would need to be replaced earlier, with the resultant costs associated with removal and reinstallation of the solar panels. A question was also raised about the Town insurers' position relative to liability insurance for solar panels.

As no definitive information was available upon which to base a decision or recommendation to proceed, it was ultimately decided to table the discussion pending an inspection of the community center roof.

There was further discussion regarding the currently allowable uses for solar installations as regulated by the Zoning Ordinance. It was acknowledged that work would need to be done to amend the ordinance to accommodate expanded use of solar siting in town, including the potential use of installations for the commercial generation of energy for sale, and for uses where power generated by solar installations are not exclusively required to be used for the structure to which they are attached or intended.

Unapproved Minutes

- **February 13, 2023**

Mr. Arsenault made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Mr. LaPorte seconded the motion.

Vote:

Scott McDonald- Aye, Ron Adinolfo- Aye, Derik Goodine- Aye, Brian Arsenault- Aye, Veronica Anaya- Aye, Ryan Mahoney-Aye, Stephen Laporte-Aye, and Jim Rodger- Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting minutes for February 13, 2023 were approved as written.

Correspondence or Other Business

- N/A

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Allenstown Town Hall.

Adjourn

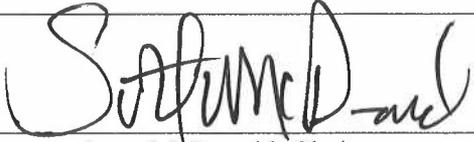
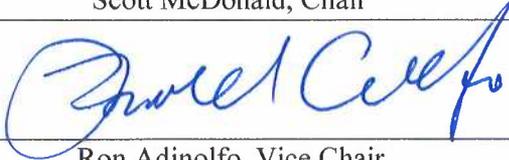
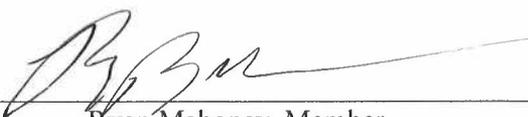
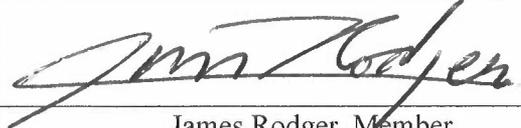
Mr. Adinolfo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. LaPorte.

Vote:

Scott McDonald- Aye, Ron Adinolfo- Aye, Derik Goodine- Aye, Brian Arsenault- Aye, Veronica Anaya- Aye, Ryan Mahoney-Aye, Stephen Laporte-Aye, and Jim Rodger- Aye.

The Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

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Approval:	
 Scott McDonald, Chair	3-28-2023 Date
 Ron Adinolfo, Vice Chair	3-28-2023 Date
 Veronica Anaya, Member	3/28/23 Date
 Brian Arsenault, Member	3/28/2023 Date
EXCUSED Derik Goodine, Member	N/A Date
 Stephen LaPorte, Member	3/28/2023 Date
 Ryan Mahoney, Member	3/28/2023 Date
 James Rodger, Member	3/29/2023 Date