CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY POWER MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY ROOM

Selectboard Present: Jeremy Wood (Selectboard Chair), Daniel Senie (via Zoom), John Lambert, Phil Turner, Trish Patrick, Paul Nickerson and Brian Boardman

Absent Committee Member:

Staff Present: Patricia Chaffee – minute taker

**Public Meeting Call to Order**

Mr. Wood commenced the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Wood opening the meeting with a reminder that a chair and vice chair still need to be elected.

Mr. Senie reported on the meeting that he had with Brian Callnan, CEO Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. Mr. Callnan will have a member of his team here to speak to the committee on August 8, 2023. It was noted that even though Charlestown has three different utilities, this program can still be worked. NH Electric Coop customer are not automatically opted in, but could if customer wanted to. It was noted that residents with solar under net metering would not be opted in, as there is potential to lose credits for excess power generated. Group net metering is not a problem. Another take away, was that Large commercial & industrial businesses are not eligible for this program. Mr. Senie was going to get clarification as to what determines mid size versus large business. Mr. Senie is also working on getting a flow chart. Mr. Callnan also commented on phase 2 of the task before this committee and noted that CPCNH can help with that as well.

Mr. Lambert reported on a meeting he attended and met a person from Clean Energy NH. This organization can also help, they do energy audits, RFP templates and can assist with federal funds that may be available. Mr. Lambert noted the interest in seeing the advantages of CPCNH versus a power broker. It was also noted that there area tiers in the plans, as there is a minimum of green generated power required, or you can opted to have more green generated power.

Mr. Turner commented that CPCNH is not listed on the NH Public Utilities website. It was noted that they work with a listed supplier to negotiate with the utilities.

Mr. Boardman noted that there are no EV stations on I-95, and that is due to not enough power on the New England grid and it is maxed out. This lack of power is both generation and distribution. Mr. Turner that possibly a RFI would need to go out to all companies that are suppliers in our area to get a better sense of their roles, capacity and customer.

Mr. Lambert noted a $1 million solar project in Walpole that is estimated to get a return on invest in eighteen (18) months. Mr. Senie noted that possibly a roof or ground system could be done at Whelen to help with power costs. Mr. Boardman commented that last month Whelen spent over $300,000 on power.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to elect Daniel Senie as the Chair and Phil Turner as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Ms. Patrick, all in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023 at 6pm.

Mrs. Patrick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Patricia Chaffee

John Lambert Trish Patrick Daniel Senie

Phil Turner Brian Boardman Paul Nickerson

(Note: these are unapproved meeting minutes. Any corrections will be made at the next Selectboard meeting on July 11, 2023)