

MINUTES OF THE

ENERGY COMMITTEE

September 25, 2024

The Energy Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the Salem Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Withrow, Bonnie Wright, Stephen Boyd; Crayton Brubaker

Other: Stuart Ormsbee, Colonial Power Group

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 pm.

The Committee members introduced themselves.

MOTION BY: Lisa Withrow

Move to elect Stephen Boyd as Chair and Bonnie Wright as Vice Chair.

SECOND BY: Crayton Brubaker

VOTE: 4-0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ormsbee explained the program and process outline of how the Plan will be developed, adopted, public hearing processes, and what will happen with customer notification once a program is prepared to be launched.

The Committee discussed the practicality of opt-in / opt-out of the program, what the new Liberty bills will look like, and how the program will be communicated to the customers.

The Committee discussed customers who may have solar on their property and how they would be affected. Such customers would not be automatically opted into the program.

Mr. Ormsbee and the Committee differentiated between small customers and large commercial customers in terms of energy procurement and how the community choice aggregation program would primarily be for residential customers.

The Committee discussed the draft plan goals, and that the Town Council priority was to have the lowest cost default option. Another goal of a renewable energy option was discussed. Clear communication regarding the program was discussed.

Mr. Ormsbee discussed a general overview of the draft Plan. The bulk of the Plan is intended to simply meet statutory requirements. The goals section may be modified by the Committee / Council as desired. The Plan should be as flexible as possible. Essentially, the Plan is a “template” that has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission in similar communities and with similar draft language.

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2 The next meeting to review the draft Plan will be on **Monday, September 30, 2024 at 4pm**.
3 There will be two public hearings as a part of already planned Town Council meetings. Mr.
4 Brubaker will work with the Town Manager's Office to schedule these.

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6 *Stephen Boyd left at 5:30 pm.*

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8 **MOTION BY:** Bonnie Wright

9 *Move to adjourn at 5:31 pm.*

10 **SECOND BY:** Crayton Brubaker

11 **VOTE:** 3-0

12 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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14 **ADJOURNMENT AT 5:31 pm.**

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16 Notes/minutes taken by: Crayton Brubaker