



TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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Pembroke Energy Committee January 10th, 2022 7:00 PM

1. Call to order & attendance
2. Review and acceptance of November 29th, 2021 minutes
3. Updates on PEC outreach and visibility activities
4. Pembroke Community Power Discussion and Updates
 - a. Conservation Committee meeting recap
 - b. Pembroke Women's Club meeting - January 11th @ 7pm @ Masonic Hall
 - c. email forwarding - kinda set up?
 - d. CM and UL outreach - Ray Duckler, Mike Cote, Sherry Wood
 - e. School Board outreach - principals and headmaster attend the beginning, meet every other Tuesday
 - f. Teacher outreach
 - g. List of active committees - need to divy up contacts
5. Any other business
 - a. 2021 Annual Report due Jan 19th - Rich to draft
6. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 19:06.

- In attendance: Richard Wengenroth, Karen Yeaton, Matt Miller, JJ Smith, Jackie Wengenroth (virtual on phone. It was not reasonably practical for Jackie to attend in person).
 - Absent; Pentti Aalto
 - Members of the public in attendance: Julia Miller
- 1) Review and accept the November 29 meeting minutes. Richard, Karen, Matt, JJ and Jackie agreed to approve the meeting minutes.
 - 2) Update on Pembroke Energy Committee outreach
 - a) Richard presented the introduction to Community Power presentation to the Pembroke Conservation Committee. The meeting was good with a significant number of questions. There were no volunteers to join the Pembroke Community Power Committee.
 - b) The PembrokeEnergyCommittee@gmail.com has been set up and configured with auto-forwarding. All members of the PEC received an email with a confirmation code.
 - i) ACTION ITEM: You must send your confirmation code to Richard so that he can complete the auto-forwarding for your specific email.
 - c) Richard contacted the Concord Monitor to raise interest in an article about the Pembroke Energy Committee and Community Power. No response yet.
 - d) Richard contacted the Manchester Union Leader to raise interest in an article about the Pembroke Energy Committee and Community Power. No response yet.
 - e) Richard contacted the School Board about an information session - scheduled for 7pm on February 1st. Rich to confirm location.
 - f) Matt contacted the Pembroke Women's club and scheduled an information meeting for January 11 (later postponed to February due to cold weather).
 - g) Matt emailed Tom Serafin a request to have 10 minutes during the annual Town Meeting to give an introduction to Pembroke Community Power. No response yet.
 - i) A second email was sent, no response yet.
 - ii) Matt asked Dave Jodoin for help reaching out to Tom Serafin. Dave said he would try to reach Tom at his home—no response yet.
 - h) Matt circulated a draft article for the Suncook Sun. The Suncook Sun is still working out some sponsorship for its publication. The publication date will likely be in February.
 - 3) A few new ideas for outreach.
 - a) Contact Don Kriess, the NH Consumer Advocate, to create some Community Power visibility with local media.
 - b) Conduct small workshops in the town library to work on the Electric Aggregation Plan in small pieces. Invite anyone from Pembroke who is interested. It may be

easier for people to commit to small chunks of time rather than sign up for a long term commitment by joining a committee.

- c) Richard to try to engage school faculty members for an information meeting.
- 4) Update on Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire
 - a) A total of 18 towns have now adopted the CPCNH JPA, which theoretically represents 19% of NH electric load, depending on what fraction of each town's electricity consumers enroll in the program.
 - b) CPCNH issued its Request for Information regarding energy service providers on December 17. This RFI represents the beginning of the process of evaluating and selecting the best energy service providers to work with CPCNH to do various tasks such as forecast energy demand and energy cost, procure cost effective electric power to serve CPCNH member communities, work with utilities to accurately bill customers for electricity consumed, manage financial risks of exposure to the energy market, etc. The expectation is that service providers will be selected by summer of 2022 and enable energy operations to commence in the spring of 2023.
 - c) The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) voted on Jan 5, 2022 to:
 - i) Approve the petition for rulemaking submitted by CPCNH on behalf of a coalition of stakeholders to establish CPA Administrative Rules (docketed as DRM 21-142).
 - ii) Deny the petition for rulemaking submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Energy (docketed as DRM 21-135).
 - d) The PUC subsequently adopted CPCNH's draft CPA administrative rules as the initial proposal for rulemaking in Order 26,565 (issued January 10, 2022). There are still many steps before PUC will issue the order to adopt the rules, and that is expected between April and September 2022.
 - e) JJ conveys information that Henry Herndon raised during a webinar regarding transmission charges and Peak Shaving as a tactic to reduce NH's transmission costs. Surrounding states are taking measures to reduce their peak electricity consumption (which sets the transmission cost), so unless NH takes action to reduce its peak consumption, then it will be stuck with an ever increasing share of the transmission fees.
- 5) Action Items:
 - a) Please send your confirmation code for the PembrokeEnergyCommittee@gmail.com auto forwarding to Richard so that he can complete the auto-forwarding for your specific email.
 - b) Matt send Richard a draft of the form letter to request Pembroke energy characteristics from Eversource. Richard will forward that form letter to David Jodoin to send to Eversource.
 - c) Matt to reserve the Town Library meeting room for Saturday Jan 29 at 10:00 until 14:00 for an Electric Aggregation Plan workshop—public is welcome to join.
 - d) PEC members to knock on doors of Route 106 business to see if they are interested in whether they are interested in Community Power.
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- ii) Dirt Doctors
 - iii) Horse Farms
 - iv) Dog Kennel
 - v) Strong Foundations Charter School
 - vi) Etc
 - e) Matt to prepare a December update memo to Karen for the upcoming Select Board meeting.
 - f) Please review the draft Suncook Sun article introducing the Pembroke Energy Committee.
 - i) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IHsTYCjycMovByymbiC_waNJZD9sJ2BC6OvISrXCvoU/edit
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 20:22.