



# TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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## **Pembroke Energy Committee September 21st, 2021 7:00 PM**

1. Call to order & attendance
2. Review and acceptance of September 7th, 2021 minutes
3. Community Power discussion and preparation for September 22nd meeting with the Board of Selectmen
4. Any other business
5. Adjournment

### **Minutes of the meeting**

Meeting started at 19:01 eastern time—in person.

In attendance: Pentti Aalto, Jackie Wengenroth, Richard Wengenroth, JJ Smith, Matt Miller

Visitors: none

The live stream camera was turned on.

Richard opened the meeting at 19:01

September 7 meeting notes reviewed: Motion made to accept the September 7 meeting minutes--and they were accepted.

### Brief summary of discussion of CPCNH and Standard Power/Good Energy

- 1) Both are good options
- 2) both have good people in their leadership

- 3) Agreement that we will recommend to the September 22, 2021 Pembroke Select Board Meeting to join CPCNH JPA. Everyone in attendance agreed with the decision to join CPCNH.
- 4) There was also discussion and agreement that we could change our community power affiliation if it made sense to do so during the formulation of the Pembroke Community Power Plan.
- 5) The PEC nominated Matt Miller as a suggestion to Pembroke Select Board for the representative of Pembroke to serve on CPCNH members board of directors, and for Jackie Wengenroth as a suggestion as the alternate.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to revising the basic slideset of information that will be presented to the Select Board on Sept 22. The slideset provides background for our recommendation to join the CPCNH JPA.

Henry Herndon was invited to join us during our presentation and Q&A session with Select Board on Sept 22.

The final slideset used for the Sept 22 Select Board meeting is here:

# Pembroke Community Power

A recommendation from the Pembroke Energy Committee to  
join the CPCNH Joint Powers Agreement

## What is Community Power?

A new opportunity in NH to localize control over energy supply, increase energy choices and extend benefits of competitive market to residents and small businesses.

- The community becomes involved in choosing the supply of electricity
- The utility (Eversource) continues to provide delivery via wires and poles, and handles the billing activity.
- Customers will receive a single monthly bill that indicates where the costs are coming from.

## Why are communities in NH interested in Community Power Programs?

1. Lowering electricity costs for residents and municipal consumers
2. Creating easier access to renewable sources of electricity for people and organizations interested in that option
3. Access to framework and support for local power initiatives
  - a. Energy planning
  - b. Local innovations
  - c. Education and awareness
4. Consumer protections and risk management

# Customer Rights and Responsibilities

1. All electricity customers can participate
  - a. Automatic enrollment for customers on Eversource default service
  - b. Customers on Eversource default service may Opt Out
  - c. Anyone on a competitive supply plan may Opt In
2. Any customer may cancel at any time
  - a. no penalty or fees
  - b. They would return to the Eversource default service
3. All plans are in compliance with RSA 53-E:6
  - a. Customers will have all NH customer protection provisions
  - b. etc.

## What is the Community Power Coalition?

The Coalition is a statewide public nonprofit in formation, designed “**For Communities, By Communities**”



### Streamlined Formation

Statewide Peer Network  
Technical Services for Committees  
Coalition Templates:

- Enabling resolutions
- Electric Aggregation Plan
- Public education materials



### Shared Services

Vendor Vetting  
Electricity Procurement and  
Portfolio Risk Management  
Contract Management  
Customer Services  
Local programs



### Local Projects

Joint Power Solicitations &  
Economies of Scale  
Community Solar + Storage  
Project Development

#### Phase 1 of Coalition Membership:

Benefit from peer-to-peer resources sharing and expert support for the program approval process.

#### Phase 2 of Coalition Membership:

Shared services and economies of scale for launching Community Power programs, procuring electricity, operating the program, contracting for new project developments, implementing local programs, and engaging at the Legislature & Public Utility Commission on public advocacy and market reforms.

# CPCNH Member Communities

## Community Power Coalition of NH

Public Nonprofit, governed by member communities, providing shared services for Community Power

### Status

- 12 municipalities and 1 county have joined by **unanimous vote** of governing body to adopt the Joint Powers Agreement
- Incorporation: Oct 1, 2021
- Planned Launch of Initial Programs: 2022

### Joint Powers Agreement

- Intermunicipal agreement establishing CPCNH as a public nonprofit
- Governed by members: each community appoints a Board Director & alternate
- Pembroke is invited to join the Coalition

- ★ 1. Town of Hanover
- ★ 2. City of Lebanon
- ★ 3. Town of Exeter
- ★ 4. City of Nashua
- ★ 5. Town of Harrisville
- ★ 6. Town of Rye
- ★ 7. City of Dover
- ★ 8. Town of Warner
- ★ 9. Town of Walpole
- ★ 10. Town of Newmarket
- ★ 11. Town of Plainfield



## Process (CPCNH)

1. Join CPCNH
  - a. PEC performs due diligence and makes recommendation to Select Board
  - b. Select Board votes on recommendation
  - c. Authorized person signs Joint Powers Agreement
  - d. Appoint a member and alternate to serve on the CPCNH board of directors. } Sept 22 Select Board meeting
2. Establish a Community Power Committee
  - a. Composed of mix from energy committee, town employees, and public at large; total of 6 people
3. Plan and Approve
  - a. Draft a Community Power Plan with public input
  - b. Secure local approval of plan (town meeting or city council) } Pembroke town meeting (2022?)
4. Regulatory
  - a. Notify Public Utilities Commission and utility (Eversource)
5. Outreach and Launch
  - a. Procure electricity supply
  - b. Implement public education and opt-out campaign
  - c. Launch--eligible accounts that have not opted out are automatically enrolled
6. Manage and Monitor
  - a. Provide ongoing customer support, outreach, opt-up campaigns, data management and analysis, planning, and more...

## Summary and Recommendation

- Summary of joining CPCNH JPA now
  - Is no risk, no obligation
  - Gives our Community Power Committee access to resources
  - Gives Pembroke a seat in CPCNH board of directors (one vote per town)
  - Pembroke lawyer reviewed the JPA
- Recommendation
  - Select Board to vote to authorize our Town Manager to enter into the CPCNH Joint Powers Agreement.
  - Select Board appoint a Pembroke representative and alternate to the CPCNH Membership and Board of Directors.
    - Suggest Matt Miller as the representative
    - Suggest Jackie Wengenroth as the alternate