

Kensington Community Power Committee Minutes
Kensington Town Hall
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 2:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting of the Kensington Community Power Committee (KCPC) was called to order at 2:32 pm by Chair Zeke Schmois.

In attendance: Zeke Schmois, KCPC members Bart Wu and Charlie Horn, Bob Gustafson (Select Board representative).

2. Approval of November 14, 2023 Minutes: B. Wu suggested an edit to the format of the attendance section. Minutes from November 14, 2023 were approved unanimously with this edit.

A brief discussion about the process for posting of draft and final minutes was held. Draft minutes are currently posted before being reviewed by committee members due to the 5 business day requirement for being available to the public. Discussion about the process for meetings when members are forced to attend via Zoom was also held. The public must be provided with the ability to attend the meetings, either via a Zoom link or a physical site.

3. Discuss Customer Outreach Campaign for Community Power: Z. Schmois spoke to Andrew Hatch from Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) since the last KCPC meeting and had two topics to discuss with the KCPC.

- First, the KCPC needs to be registered with the Public Utility Committee as soon as possible. A. Hatch is working on this.
- Second, the two public hearings required by law prior to the Town Election in March should be set up soon but only after Community Power is introduced to the Town through an outreach campaign.

Z. Schmois outlined the outreach campaign. He has set up a Facebook page for KCPC where educational materials, presentations, and other relevant information can be posted. The KCPC page can be linked to the Kensington Connects Facebook page, the Town website and Town newsletter. He demonstrated how to create an educational presentation with an embedded video using Loom. CPCNH and Clean Energy New Hampshire will also assist with educational materials.

B. Gustafson advised the KCPC to present the public campaign to the Board of Selectmen, including timeline, materials and presentations, prior to public release. Z. Schmois will ask the Board for clarification of roles and when they want to hear from the KCPC.

Discussion was held about possible dates for public hearings. Z. Schmois will be talking to A. Hatch again this week and will get some dates that work for him. B. Gustafson suggested having the hearings at already scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings.

4. Discuss Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP):

B. Wu continues to work on a draft EAP for Kensington based on a template provided by CPCNH. CPCNH has indicated to Z. Schmois that KCPC should get this started right away.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

The next meeting of the KCPC will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 2:30 pm in Town Hall.

Submitted by Charlie Horn