

Kensington Community Power Committee Minutes
Kensington Town Hall
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 2:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting of the Kensington Community Power Committee (KCPC) was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chair Zeke Schmois.

In attendance: Zeke Schmois, KCPC members Charlie Horn and Bart Wu (via Zoom due to travel), Select Board member Robert Gustafson, Kensington Energy Committee members Susan Varn, Joni Praded, and Steve Sniderman, Rev. Cheryl Stromski, Andrew Hatch from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH).

2. Approval of December 5, 2023 Minutes: Minutes from December 5, 2023 were approved.

3. Public hearing on the draft Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP):

Z. Schmois presented a power point on Community Power, the Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, CPCNH and implementation of Community Power. The presentation will be posted on the Kensington Town Hall website under Community Power Committee.

4. Questions and Answers:

Q. C. Stromski asked whether there is any penalty from Unitil if we leave and then want to return to Unitil for supply?

A. No, Unitil doesn't make any money on supply so it doesn't care where the Town gets its supply.

Q. S. Sniderman asked whether a customer can opt-out at any time or only within thirty days of the rates being announced?

A. A customer can opt-out at any time and the change will occur as quickly as administratively possible.

Q. J. Praded asked whether individual customers have the ability to opt-up and opt-down if the Town were to decide to go with a higher level of renewable energy?

A. Yes.

Q. C. Horn asked at what point does the Town select the power supplier?

A. The Board of Selectmen will decide to sign contracts with a supplier after the Town Meeting. Andrew Hatch stated that to meet a June launch date, the Board has to be ready to sign contracts at the first meeting after the Town Meeting.

Q. S. Varn asked whether the Warrant Article wording could be modified to include businesses and municipalities as well as residents.

A. This change was discussed and will be considered.

5. Adjournment: The public hearing was adjourned at 3:44 pm.

The next meeting of the KCPC will be on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 2:30 pm in Town Hall.

Submitted by Charlie Horn