

## MINUTES – ENERGY COMMITTEE 6.13.23

*For review and approval at our 6/28/23 meeting*

The first meeting of the Kensington Energy Committee was called to order at 1:33 by Chair Zeke Schmois. Present: Joni Praded, Zeke Schmois, Susan Varn, and Select Board member Robert Gustafson. Also present were Ryan Polson and Devon Atwell, representing Standard Power.

Standard Power had asked to attend a Select Board meeting to discuss bringing Community Power to Kensington. The Select Board requested that the Energy Committee meet with them first. Standard Power's presentation and related discussion were the focus of our 9/13/23 meeting.

Community Power is a program that is relatively new to NH, wherein municipalities purchase electricity supply for residents and small businesses from companies like Standard Power instead of from their existing utility (Unitil, in Kensington). By teaming up with a different company to buy electricity, municipalities can realize cost savings and more renewable energy. Residents' energy delivery, emergency provider, and billing all stay with the utility. In NH many municipalities are switching to this system.

The Energy Committee did not yet formally decide to invite another Community Power prospective supplier, the Community Power Coalition of NH, to present to us at an upcoming meeting. However, the concept of Community Power is a priority interest as we help the Town and residents explore how to use energy more efficiently and cost-effectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. These minutes were recorded by Susan Varn.