

Atkinson Energy Commission, 08/22/23

Attending: Doug Early, Jim Garrity, Fred Doherty, Stan Graziano, Michelle Veasey (remote)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Jim

Community Power Discussion

- Summarized June call with Henry Herndon from Community Power Coalition
- Commission reviewed PowerPoint Presentation from the Community Power Coalition
 - o Detailed discussion and questions and answers on what is involved, how the process works and what the benefits would be for residents of Atkinson.
 - o Edited the slide deck and discussed which slides should be presented to the Select Board in September.
- Goals of the presentation to the Select Board
 - o Explain Community Power to the Board
 - o Show potential savings (to average homeowner and townwide)
 - o Explain process steps
 - o Encourage Select Board to commit to Step 1 and join “Joint Powers Agreement”
- Motion made that the Atkinson Energy Commission recommend that the town join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.
 - o Motion made, seconded.
 - o Vote held: unanimously in favor of bringing recommendation to the Select Board
- Jim will edit the Presentation with input from John Apple
- Jim will chat with John Apple to schedule presentation to Select Board
- Michelle will check with Henry Herndon of CPCNH when several dates are offered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Implementation Process Steps

Join the Coalition → Bring a Plan to Town Meeting → Launch!

❑ 1. Join Coalition “Joint Powers Agency” — Governed by Members

- ❑ Membership by Select Board vote to adopt Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)
- ❑ JPA is the contract among Members & By-laws

❑ 2. Establish an “Electric Aggregation Committee” (EAC) to;

- ❑ Prepare an “Electric Aggregation Plan” (EAP);
- ❑ Hold two public hearings on that EAP in advance of;
- ❑ Bringing the EAP to Town Meeting for voter adoption;

❑ 3. Launch Community Power!

- ❑ Town Meeting adoption of an EAP authorizes (but does not require) the Select Board to contract for services to finance, launch, and operate Community Power.