

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 6, 2022

5:30 pm

**IN-PERSON LOCATION**

**Room 208 @ City Hall**

**Approved Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
Mayor Donchess	
Alderman Lori Wilshire	x
Adrian George	x
Frank Teas	
Doria Brown, Energy Manager	x
<b>Staff</b>	
	<b>In-Person</b>
Deb Chisholm, Sustainability Manager	x

The regular meeting of the Electric Aggregation Committee was held in Room 208 at City Hall. No one from the public attended.

**1. Review Right to Know Rules/Roberts Rules of Order**

It was determined a review of the rules was not needed as everyone understood both having worked on other boards and committees.

**2. Update/overview of where we are as a City with community power**

Doria presented an overview of community power, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), and the aggregation plan for Nashua. See attached presentation.

- The rules for aggregation have recently been approved. The PUC approves all aggregation plans. Nashua will submit the aggregation plan to the PUC for approval once this committee reviews and approves the plan and receives approval by the Board of Alderman.
- CPCNH is a 501(c)4 and can perform advocacy which a 501(c)3 cannot do.
- Funding for CPCNH came from Lebanon and Hanover NH and other donors. CalPine, selected as the data management contractor pending contract approval, is providing venture capital money of \$750,000 to be paid back once CPCNH gets started. CPCNH will be self-funded, but there is not date so far that indicates when that has to happen.
- Community Power is an opt out program. If people have Eversource as their energy supplier, they will automatically be switched into the program. A notice will be sent to all ratepayers alerting them of both rates, and provide the opportunity to opt out and

stay with Eversource. Some users who have solar or are using third party suppliers will not be switched. CPCNH will work with all coalition communities to ensure this is done properly.

- The goal is to have an aggregation plan that once approved by the PUC, could be used with the CPCNH or a Community Power Provider.

**Alderman Wilshire made a motion to allow the Energy Manager to share Nashua's draft Aggregation Plan to Freedom Energy to review. Doria Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **3. Present and review draft aggregation plan**

The Committee was provided a copy of the draft aggregation plan. There was a short discussion about the contents. It was decided that the next meeting would be a working meeting to discuss what Nashua's goals are for the program e.g. reduced energy costs, increased renewable energy in the City's portfolio, decrease to barriers to clean energy, etc. Doria will email the committee some examples of electric aggregation plans to show what other communities are including as goals for their communities.

### **4. Alternate for Community Power Coalition Board**

The position of alternate CPCNH board member was discussed, but not selected.

### **5. Other business**

Doria indicated that representatives from CPCNH are available to attend upcoming meeting(s) at the committee's request to provide answers to any questions.

### **6. Review Next Steps**

The committee will spend the next meeting determining what Nashua-specific content should be added to plan and what changes should be made.

**Next meetings:**

**Thursday October 13, 2022 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday October 19, 2022 5:30 pm**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm by voice vote.

*Minutes by: Deb Chisholm*