

# Town of Candia Community Power Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2022  
**Location:** Town Office Building

**Attendees:** Kevin Coughlin (Chairman)  
Dick Snow  
Beth Chalbeck (absent)  
William Saffie (Vice Chairman)  
Ryan Young (Zoom)  
Brenda Coughlin (Secretary) absent  
Emily Mann (Zoom) Standard Power

Chairman Coughlin opened the meeting at 6:38 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

## **Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2022**

William Saffie motioned to approved minutes  
Dick Snow seconds motion  
Minutes approved unopposed. Beth Chalbeck, Brenda Coughlin absent

## **Old Business / New Business**

Kevin Coughlin **presented** to the BOS. Emily presented nicely and provided a great overall update. Attendees gave positive feedback. Warrant article draft has been presented to the BOS and Dick Snow said BC received a copy as well. Kevin read the draft warrant article.

Emily Manns noted the warrant article draft is quite long and wants to make sure it notes the committee creates the plan but the contract is signed by the town. She feels the plan is clear that the BOS has full authority, and the committee creates the plan. The focused point should be is the town approving a plan not the process for the plan.

Dick Snow shared the warrant should state Select board member or designee. He felt it was not clear who has the authority. He read the current written article as follows: *"Shall the Candia voters authorize the Candia Community Power Committee to proceed with a plan to enter a multi-year contract with a third-party energy supplier for the purpose of reducing electrical power rates. This program has no financial impact on town budget or individual taxes. There will be no individual contracts required and residents can opt out of the program at any time without penalty and resume service with their current provider"*.

Much discussion about the language of the warrant article ensued. Listen to audio for more detail.

Emily Manns suggested getting the plan out to the public, to get the Select Board recommend the warrant article to pass. The timeline needs to be followed. She shared the survey results with the committee. We should be releasing the draft plan for public review if we are current with timeline. She will update and provide a fresh draft.

Kevin Coughlin shared the feedback from the group was positive and not recommended edits.

Emily Manns suggests moving public hearing to early January and to engage on the town web page and Facebook. Direct the public through the town webpage announcements. She explained what public hearings are like. Usually there is a brief

presentation and time to take questions. There is a designated time to post ahead of the meetings. She would have several slides for the brief presentations.

Kevin Coughlin agreed with Dick Snow with idea to hold 1st public hearing during the upcoming Recycling committee meeting on December 22, 2022, and then hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> one at our next meeting on 1/12/2023.

Emily Mann so review of schedule: put the plan out for public comment, then you approve it by the committee then it goes to the Select Board to be approved to be put on the ballot. The Select Board can make changes to the plan. The plan is specific to where you can make changes. The final plan will need to be approved by the committee, get approval from the BOS and this is the plan that the warrant article is asking for approval by the voters. The PUC has specific language they are looking for such as an opt out program. Customer data will be protected from Eversource to energy supplier.

Kevin Coughlin we will review any final changes and submit comments to Emily Manns. Post for public input with the draft. Kevin Coughlin will get approval from the Recycle Committee to hold first public hearing, then at the deliberative session we can answer questions voters may have. Standard Power will place a flyer in the Boy Scout packet for the town to read after the deliberative session.

Ryan Young asked if the rate chosen depends on the length of time contracted? Will we get different rates for different timelines?

Emily Manns said the only difference is in the amount of renewable energy and no you will not get different rates for different time periods. There will be one contract with one term.

Kevin Coughlin was under the impression that the committee would receive different bids with time frames such as one year, two years, etc.

Emily Manns explained we would receive Standard Power's best recommendations. She would like to defer this question to someone else in Standard Power.

#### Next Steps:

1. Emily Manns suggests moving the public hearings to December & January.
2. Committee to finalize the edits on the plan and post for public feedback.
3. Kevin Coughlin to verify first public hearing during their December 22 meeting
4. Provide Emily Manns information for Boy Scout packet
5. William Saffie will text Kevin several examples of advertisements in BS packet for Standard Power.

Next Meeting is December 22, @ 6:30 PM for the first public hearing.

With there being no further business,

William Saffie motioned to adjourn the meeting  
Ryan Young seconds motion  
Motion Unanimously approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by: Brenda Coughlin, Secretary