

Lyme Electric Aggregation Committee
April 13, 2023

Minutes, Approved

Present: James Graham, Jim Nourse, David Perlman, Hebe Quinton

Absent: Hunter Snyder

Dartmouth Energy Alliance members (via Zoom): Alphonso Bradham,
Pranav Kanmadikar, Colin Kearns, Justin Kim, Emmy Replogle, Sydney Wu

James Graham called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. Accept Minutes of March 23, 2023 Meeting
 - 1.1. Hebe moves to accept minutes as written; David seconds. Unanimous approval.
2. Welcome Dartmouth Energy Alliance
 - 2.1. James welcomes DEA members; introductions made. James summarizes work to date.
3. Report from CPCNH Board of Directors Meeting, April 10, 2023
 - 3.1. Hebe, our representative to CPCNH, attended the meeting. CPCNH has chosen a CEO, who will be introduced next week. Henry Herndon (Consultant, CPCNH), Clifton Below (Chair, CPCNH Board of Directors) and Sam Evans-Brown (Executive Director, Clean Energy NH) reviewed work completed. CPCNH slightly behind timetable to sell power; switch-over date now sometime in May.

On Tuesday, April 18, CPCNH will host an open meeting for new members. Prior to the general meeting, directors will vote on accepting LEAC's membership into CPCNH. Hebe will let committee know details of the meeting.

- 3.2. Update: Request for Data from Eversource & NHEC
 - 3.2.1. Hebe has completed form to request electric consumption data for Lyme; James will ensure it is sent in.
 - 3.3. Assignments for Drafting an Electric Aggregation Plan
 - 3.3.1. Committee members will review the CPCNH template for writing an EAP. James will send out a copy of the template to committee members.
 - 3.4. Discussion of Future Work
 - 3.4.1. Jim raises importance that committee have a coherent message about our relationship with CPCNH. *Committee agrees on the following: "CPCNH will assist the committee in drafting an Energy Aggregation Plan for the Town of Lyme that will be presented to [the Select Board and then the] voters for approval at Town Meeting, 2024."*

3.4.2. It appears that our liaison with CPCNH will be Henry Herndon.

3.4.3. The committee discusses the importance of gathering as many questions that the public might have as we plan our informational meetings. To that end:

- Jim will contact Evan Oxenham from Plainfield's EAC to see if he would be willing to attend a LEAC meeting in early June to lay out Plainfield's community information campaign and share the most common questions their committee identified.
- Jim also mentions that Lisa Sweet, CPCNH chair, Member Operations and Engagement, is a resource.
- Pranav offers to connect us with April Salas, Executive Director, Irving Institute for Energy and Society, as someone who would be willing to share expertise and experience with community power.
- Committee asks DEA members to research case studies of community/state forays into community power that failed.
- Committee determines that bi-monthly postings to the listserv about community power as well as soliciting resident questions would be effective. No decision made as to who will spearhead this effort.
- David Robbins suggested as likely source of number of Lyme households who have solar PV/trackers and who may be net metering.

Meeting adjourned 6:28 p.m.

For the committee,
Jim Nourse

Next meetings:

- Invitation to Joint Planning Board-Energy Committee meeting, Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.
- LEAC will meet Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room, Town Offices