

**Town of Boscawen
ENERGY COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Edward J. Cherian, Jr—Chair; Charles Niebling—Vice Chair; Gary Tillman; Bill Bevans—Alternate Ex-Officio

Members Excused: Nate Preisendorfer & Matthew Burdick—Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Kara Gallagher-Planning & Community Development Assistant

Chair Cherian opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

PCD Assistant Gallagher completed roll call.

Minutes:

Mr. Tillman motioned to accept the 4.18.23 draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Niebling. All in favor. None opposed.

New Business:

CPCNH Boscawen Electricity Aggregation Plan: At the last meeting, the draft EAP was left with a series of questions, comments and redlines for CPCNH. Chair Cherian said he was waiting to hear back from Mr. Henry Herndon before finalizing the EAP and is hopeful to hear back within the week. Once all of the red lines have been finalized and all questions have been answered, the Committee will sit down to go over the EAP one last time and submit the document to the Select Board. Chair Cherian suggested scheduling a meeting for June in order to finalize the EAP. All concurred. The Committee agreed to meet on June 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The Committee discussed potential Public Hearing dates. The tentative dates will be September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. and November 13th at 6:30 p.m. PCD Assistant Gallagher will discuss and verify with PCD Director Easler before finalizing.

Chair Cherian said the Committee will need to work on getting together some materials to advertise the Public Hearings as well as handouts during the hearings. He said at minimum a 2 page flyer that can be available for residents at the library and town office, as well as to be posted on the website and the town's Facebook pages. Also an FAQ answering the most commonly asked questions will be important to have. The Committee will look into other town's FAQ's to gather ideas on what to include. Vice Chair Niebling asked what the cost would be to create a Direct Mailer and send that to each home in Boscawen. Chair Cherian offered to check with the Post Office. Chair Cherian asked if the Committee has a budget. PCD Assistant Gallagher will check with PCD Director Easler. Vice Chair Niebling offered to design the Direct Mailer. PCD Assistant

Gallagher mentioned that including the Public Hearing dates on the Direct Mailers would be a good way to encourage residents to attend. Discussion ensued. Chair Cherian asked to add speakers for Public Hearings to the next agenda.

Vice Chair Niebling offered an update to CPCNH's membership. 33 towns are now involved in the membership, and once all of the towns are active, approximately 40% of the state will be subscribed to CPCNH. In 2 years, they expect to have a greater load served than Eversource.

Old Business:

Schedule of Town Properties Map 81D Lot 94: Mr. Tillman asked if anyone had yet walked the grounds surrounding the Transfer Station. Chair Cherian said no. He asked if it had been decided that there is no 3-phase power there. Vice Chair Niebling said yes, but that was not a deal breaker. There is 3-phase power on High Street that could be brought in. Chair Cherian said if the array was 12 kV, 5 megawatts could be placed on the site. He is happy to walk the site soon. Vice Chair Niebling suggested setting a time in June to walk the grounds, as well as inviting Public Works Director Dean Hollins. Chair Cherian agreed.

Mr. Tillman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chair Cherian. All in favor. None opposed.

Next Meeting: June 13th, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kara Gallagher.