

LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
(Subcommittee of the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee)

Council Chambers, City Hall
July 15, 2021
7:00 PM

Presentation of Lebanon Community Power
Working Session - FINAL

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifton Below, Gregory Ames, Jonathan Chaffee, F. Woody Rothe

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Cate Homicki

LEAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Meghan Butts, Devin Wilkie (Alternate Council Representative)

LEAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Homicki (alternate), Joan Monroe (Planning Board Representative)

STAFF PRESENT: Everett Hammond

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Clifton Below at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN FOR LEBANON COMMUNITY POWER

1. The Subcommittee gave an overview presentation for the Lebanon Community Power.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

1. <Missed Name> – “Are there fees or dues to join Community Power of NH?” – No
2. John Procidano – “On average, what percentage will my electric bill go down” – We don’t know yet, but you will be notified before the program starts. Also “Will I receive one monthly bill or 2?” – One, from Liberty.
3. Tom Cormen – “Will Liberty have the same incentives to repair outages?” – Yes, they are compensated on how well they manage the distribution grid. They have told us they are ambivalent on who supplies the power. “In the state-by-state chart, Texas had the most savings. Will this be an issue?” – No, Texas does not pay for generators to have capacity (forward capacity market), lower regulation, no interstate cooperation, NE has penalties for generators who do not perform, do not have backup fuel sources, etc. “Will all member towns use the same supplier” – Not necessarily. Likely one broker/consultant providing support, but they could have separate supplier agreements. “This sounds

really good, why are all towns doing this” – New, legal framework in-flux and just recently settled with bi-partisan support. Many municipalities have expressed interest, but are waiting for PUC rules, etc.

4. Sherry Boschert – “We moved from San Francisco, where many utilities have fought back against this. We want to be part of this. If there is anything I can help to do, I support it. This has worked well in San Francisco. This is essential.”
5. Lorraine Kelly – “I think this is a fabulous plan. When the City reaches the point of producing more power than it consumes, will this plan allow residents to purchase the excess power?” – Yes. “Do you know when the landfill gas-to-energy project will go online?” – Possibly next year
6. Bruce Garland – “How comfortable are we in begin able to work with the utility billing/accounting system?” – NH, and other deregulated NE states, have an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system that has been used for alternative supply billing.
7. David Millstone – Supports. Financial savings are one part of this. “Will we use group buying amongst communities vs competing with each other?” – Likely, yes. “Main interest is that the people supporting this will be more likely to support green energy. Where would funding for battery and EV incentives come from?” – One long-term goal is to build financial reserves, which could help with incentives in the future. Revenue bonds could be used for low-cost financing (already authorized by statute).
8. Darla Bruno – “I support the plan; I think the team has done a great job.”

ADJOURNMENT:

Clifton closed the presentation at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Ames
Clerk (Recording Secretary)