



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Room #2, City Hall

March 13th, 2023

5:00 PM

-- Final --

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Ames (Chair), Jon Chaffee (Vice-Chair), Clifton Below (Council Representative), Woody Rothe, Sherry Boschert, Devin Wilkie (Council alternate, remote),

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Homicki (alternate), Meghan Butts (alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Tad Montgomery

GUESTS PRESENT: Barbara Krinitz (remote)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Greg Ames at 5:06 PM.

BUSINESS: Lebanon Community Power

Asst. Mayor and Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) Board Chair Clifton Below described the rate structure that the CPCNH Board had adopted the previous Friday and presented at a press conference in Nashua earlier on Monday. LEAC members and guests discussed at length whether Lebanon should have as its default rate the CPCNH Granite Basic rate, at 23.4% renewable electricity as mandated by the NH Renewable Portfolio Standard, or use the CPCNH Granite Plus rate of 33% renewable electricity. Sherry Boschert argued articulately for the City to adopt the higher renewable content of the Granite Plus rate. Other LEAC members expressed a concern that not offering the lowest cost Granite Basic as the Lebanon Community Power (LCP) default rate would have adverse effects that they were not comfortable with, especially on low-income residents. After much discussion back and forth the majority of LEAC members affirmed their previous decision at the January meeting, which has been stated in published material, for LCP to have CPCNH's Granite Basic be the default rate and engage in a rigorous campaign to get Lebanon residents and businesses to opt up to higher renewable electricity levels.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sherry Boschert to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Woody Rothe and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad Montgomery