



**Community Power Advisory Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Public Meeting • Academy Hall  
Thursday, March 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Members	Attendance
Lorna Carlisle	Present
Nathan Irving	Present
Eric Swendsen	Present
Kevin O'Neill	Present
Laura Bartlett	Present

Others Present at the Meeting – Selectman John Herbert

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

**Appointment of Officers**

Chairman – Kevin O'Neill made a **motion** to appoint Laura Bartlett as Chairman. Eric Swendsen **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman – Kevin O'Neill made a **motion** to appoint Eric Swendsen as Vice Chairman. **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary – Kevin O'Neill made a **motion** to appoint Lorna Carlisle as Secretary. Eric Swendsen **seconded** the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

John Herbert had attended a recent meeting with the Community Power Coalition of NH and opened the meeting with general information about the Coalition. This included how the town would sign up, where the electricity comes from and how it is billed. The program is an opt-out program which means customers are signed up automatically, but are sent a letter saying they can opt-out of the program and continue to buy power from their current Utility.

**Review – Merrimack County Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan dated 12/14/2023** – Most of the Committee has not had the opportunity to review the material provided by April so the meeting was opened to general discussion.

This included:

What other towns had already signed up with the Coalition. How the change would be reflected on your electric bill. Whether customers with solar can still get the energy credits. Is it really cheaper to go with Coalition power?

The Committee had more questions than answers so it was agreed that members would review the material and share questions with the group prior to the next meeting. With a consolidated list of questions we would then assign members tasks to find the answers.

**Next Meeting** - The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – Kevin O’Neill **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Eric Swendsen **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Lorna Carlisle**  
**CPAC, Secretary**