

Brentwood Energy & Efficiency Advisory Committee Minutes Meeting on February 15th, 2023

Members present: Anna Heard, Gabbie Kelly, Rick Labrecque, Tom Palma, Bob Radlinski

Alternates present: Matt Lipinski

1. Meeting started at 7:00pm.
2. Rick made a motion to make Matt a voting member. Tom seconded. Motion approved with no opposition.
3. Review of EAP
 - a. According to Rick, the document as written refers to a supply rate compensation for net metering.
 - i. Rick thinks solar customers should be allowed to opt in, similar to NHEC customers.
 - ii. The committee will have the chance to review net metering rates when the first group of towns launch community power.
 - b. Bob questioned why the coalition is comparing their rate to the default rates, not the the cheapest supplier rate available.
 - i. If a customer is already on a third-party supplier, then they will have to opt in to join the community power rate.
 - ii. Rick wants to hear from two competitors of CPCNH.
 1. These competitors may not have a reserve fund like CPCNH.
 - iii. Bob suggested assembling a few slides on all the options out there for third party suppliers, instead of joining a coalition.
 - iv. Tom asked if the town is required to do an RFP for an aggregator.
4. Member were asked to send any additional comments to Bob for inclusion in a final draft.
5. Keith's comments regarding financial reserve- should we recommend that excess reserve funds after a certain percentage be applied to customer bills?
 - a. Rick clarified that the Selectboard will make decisions regarding the reserve funds.
 - b. If someone defaults on their bill payments, should we kick them out of the coalition?
 - i. Unclear. The committee needs to research current rules under the default supplier.
6. Customers must be billed by the utility in order to be eligible for Electric Assistance Programs.
7. Anna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/18/23. Gabbie seconded. Motion approved with no opposition.
8. Bob questioned how the committee will encourage energy efficiency technologies to residents.
 - a. Gabbie could ask the Brentwood Communication Committee to post on the official town Facebook page.

9. Tom has received approval from the Library, Town Office, Police and Fire Department for energy audits.
10. Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm with no opposition.