

Minutes
Millis Energy Committee
April 4, 2016
900 Main St., Room 206
Millis, MA 02054 6:30 PM

Attending:

Craig Gibbons, Kathleen Streck, Tim Farrar, Robert Weiss (Town Energy Manager)

Mr. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Mr. Gibbons captured meeting minutes.

New Business

Mr. Weiss shared applications for potential new committee members Mr. Jonathan Barry of 6 Paddock Lane and Mr. Carlo Molinari III of 6 Causeway Street. Mr. Gibbons agreed to contact both gentlemen and see if they could join us at a future meeting.

Mr. Weiss suggested updates for the committees Facebook page with new information that he would provide related to the Community Electricity Aggregation proposal and Green Community photo scheduled for later in the week. Mr. Farrar agreed to modify the pages as new information became available.

Old Business

Mr. Weiss shared the current status of the Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA) warrant and supporting documentation. He also noted that there were upcoming meetings for the Finance Committee (April 6) and Board of Selectman (April 11) during which he would be recommending the CEA for the town and answering any questions. Committee members agreed to attend these meetings and provide question & answer support as schedules permitted.

Mr. Weiss reminded the committee that there would be a Green Community group photo opportunity with Millis' Board of Selectmen, Energy Committee members and State Representatives on April 9th.

In support of the CEA recommendation and related warrant, Mr. Weiss shared that he would be drafting an FAQ document to help educate community members. The committee agreed to review this at a future committee meeting before May 9th.

There were no prior meeting minutes circulated for review.

Mr. Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Streck seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next meeting of the Committee will be May 2nd at 6:30 PM pending scheduling conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig M. Gibbons

shared 4/4/16 meeting

Another Energy Committee member



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TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Millis. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, commissions, and committees. Some groups meet often, others require less time, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year. Occasionally, there are requirements for ad hoc committees or sub-committees who are appointed to work on special projects.

If you are interested in serving, please check your preference(s) below and return the completed form to the Town Administrator at the address listed above. The form can also be faxed or emailed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Assessors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV Advisory Committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Review Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Preservation Act Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Implementation Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Niagra Building Subcommittee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Grove Farm Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Poll Worker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Building Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board Associate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Weigher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Transportation Advisory Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar of Voters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |

NAME: Carlo Molinaro III Are you a registered voter? YES

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EMAIL ADDRESS: Civiltroost@verizon.net OCCUPATION: Contractor

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Post & Secondary

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: Public Service

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Community Electric Aggregation General Information

Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA), also known as municipal aggregation, allows cities and towns to secure stable, competitive electricity rates for their residents and businesses. These rate-payers receive all the benefits of a group-purchasing rate while retaining the right to leave the program at any time without penalty.

The Benefits

To insure competitive prices:

CEA allows your community to purchase electricity when the market is favorable. Utilities cannot. (use bulk purchasing power to negotiate electric supply on behalf of their residents and small businesses currently on basic service.)

To insure stability:

Whereas utility prices change every 6 months, CEA can help you to contract for a year or more to provide price assurance and avoid winter price spikes.

Consumer education:

Public meetings, posted notices, press releases, newspaper articles and notifications enclosed in electric bills can lead to greater consumer awareness of where their electricity comes from and what other suppliers exist, in addition to informing consumers of their ability to opt out of the aggregation by choosing basic service or a competitive supplier.

Consumer protection:

As more energy brokers enter the deregulated market, consumers are increasingly approached by brokers attempting to sell them energy contracts. CCAs offer municipalities a way to vet brokers and suppliers for residents through government procurement procedures.

Increased renewable portfolio:

CCAs give communities the opportunity to purchase energy with a higher renewable content than the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires electric suppliers to obtain a designated percentage of their energy content from renewable sources each year. Through 2013, the state RPS requires that eight percent of electricity sales to end-users come from new (built after December 31, 1997) renewable energy sources, increasing by one percent each year with no mandated expiration date.

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Disadvantage of CCA

Possible higher rates:

After the contract has been executed, the utility's basic service rates could drop below the CCA rates. Note that as of November 27, 2013, the DPU has decided that aggregations cannot be temporarily suspended. If an aggregation puts its customers back on the utility's basic service, it will need to go through the plan approval process again in order to return them to competitive supply.