

LONDONDERRY UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Moose Hill Conference Room

Agenda:

I. Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public comment

III. Twin States Clean Energy Presentation

1. Sean Downey- Hilltop Public Solutions
2. Terron Hill- Project Development Director
3. Jess Farrell- Transmission Engineering
4. Corey Schutzman- Environmental Scientist

IV. Administrative work

1. Approval of May and June Minutes
2. Discussions with Staff
3. Londonderry.org email addresses
4. Committee Rules of Procedure

V. Sub-committee discussions

1. Energy
 - a. Hudson NH Electric Aggregation Committee
 - b. Freedom Energy / Colonial Power Community Power Aggregation
1. Water
2. Sewer
3. Cable/Internet
4. Oil/Propane/Natural Gas

VI. Round table discussion

VII. Next Meeting- August 1

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by the committee chairman Lynn Wiles.

Attendees-

Committee Members: Lynn Wiles, Martha Smith, John Ferreira, Mike Speltz, Jeff McGraw, Anne Fenn, Paul Ramsey, Ron Dunn, Ray Breslin

Staff: Mike Malaguti

Twin States Clean Energy (National Grid Project)

- Sean Downey- Hilltop Public Solutions
- Matt Spofford – Substation Engineering
- Orlando Martinez – Project Manager
- Jess Farrell- Transmission Engineering
- Corey Schutzman- Environmental Scientist

1. Chairman Lynn Wiles - Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance
2. Chairman Lynn Wiles - Public comment
None at this time
3. Twin States Clean Energy Presentation
 - a. Presentation given by Twin States, Sean Downey and staff. Same presentation as given to the Town Council.
 - b. Slide deck used and available on the Londonderry Utilities Web Page.
 - c. Detailed Q&A by all board members to Twin States
Questions summary:
 - i. DOE schedule and approval. Phase 2 of the process has started. DOE funds and investment.
 - ii. Sub-station details
 - iii. Existing Lines and proposed upgrades and changes.
 - iv. Detailed maps with Q & A.
 - v. Right of way utilization and underground development.
 - vi. Existing state of forestry of right of way.
 - vii. Economic development and jobs creation and utilities cost savings.
 - viii. Habitat impact.
 - ix. Community Outreach.
 - x. Ron – community concerns are regarding “trees”. Asked that Eversource be prepared and be specific at open meetings regarding any tree removal or modifications.
 - xi. DOE application status? “Possibly fall”
 - xii. Substation location and possible permitting obstacles.
 - xiii. Public information regarding environmental assessment.
 - xiv. Timetable for filing for permits? “April – May for the SEC process filing”
4. Administrative work
 - a. Approval of July Minutes
Jeff McGraw motion to approve July committee meeting minutes, Anne Fenn seconded. Passed all in favor, opposed 0.
 - b. Discussions with Staff
Mike Malaguti provided a summary on the status regarding a meeting he attended

with DES commissioner and his staff, and with Council Dunn and Chairman Ferrell. This was in regards to the funding \$9.7M bill to fund a water crossing of the Merrimack River for Pennichuck water system. Capacity demands for Londonderry is increasing because of well systems being contaminated and increased demand. This funding only includes only the river crossing and a need of \$25m more to the water line to Londonderry. Coordination from Saint Gobain monies and other funding. (from June meeting) - Mike Malaguti described the project Londonderry with Saint Gobain installing an 8 inch water line down a portion of High Range Road. Londonderry is looking to provide the incremental funds needed to make this a 16 inch water line during construction to support further system expansion with minimal additional disruption to High Range Road. Also, decent decree that Saint Gobain that they will also reimburse the water treatment previously installed.

- c. Londonderry.org email addresses
Lynn, all have working email address? All except Anne and she will seek assistance from staff.
- d. Committee Rules of Procedure
Lynn sent out final draft. Received feedback from Mike. Anne requested some additional time for review. Lynn, Committee Rules of Procedure to be approved at the next meeting.

5. Sub-committee discussions

- e. Energy
 - i. Hudson NH Electric Aggregation Committee
Lynn went to Hudson for a meeting of the status of their aggregation project. Keene attended by zoom. Lynn feels that this committee and needs to also focus on this as a cost savings. We currently have proposals by the energy suppliers and they will present at our August committee meeting.
 - ii. Freedom Energy, Colonial Power Community Power Aggregation and Direct Energy. These are the three offerings companies.
Lynn to send out Keene and Hudson proposals. The process for this is still being developed.
Questions still not resolved for those who currently have solar arrays and for now stay with Eversource.
Lynn, at our 1-Aug meeting, Freedom Energy will be presenting.
Mike has the current agreement with Freedom and will send to Lynn for distribution.
Energy Committee has drafted a proposal to submit to the Energy Efficiency Block Grant, however they have yet to open a portal for submission. The DOE site had an outline to use. To be sent out to the committee for review

- f. Water
Went to the Saint Gobains licensing discussion meeting in Merrimack with the NH Environmental Commission. Many questions were asked. Speeches and pushback and very informative. This was around "stacks" and "particle statics". About 50 to 100 people attended. When then can bypass the stack filters when needed. No decision was made. DES did the presentation on what Saint Gobains has done to date.

Ray, the problem is, this proposal still adds to the current problem of PFAS ground and water contamination.

- g. Sewer
Meeting held, nothing to update.
- h. Cable/Internet
Nothing to report.
- i. Oil/Propane/Natural Gas
Nothing to report.

6. Round table discussion

- a. Lynn has a proposal drafted by Jeff for the committee structure, with the focus being on Energy and Water. Each committee to have 5 members on each committee, with each person to be on two committees. Lynn to send draft around for review.

Ray, a question for Mike, regarding the town's plan for water and sewer that there is a 2005 plan that is being updated and can that be shared with this committee? Mike, a draft that is a working draft that is almost complete and the he (Mike) agrees it is time to finish and can get that plan to the committee for review.

Ron Dunn, state representative mentioned that he is on the HB737 PFAF committee that is regarding the Saint Gobains issue and public input can be given until 11-August to the state.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday August 1- 2023 at 7:00 PM Tuesday, in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10: PM by Martha Smith, seconded by Jeff McGraw. In favor all, opposed none.

Submitted,

John Ferreira - Secretary