

OCTOBER 26, 2023 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

A special town meeting was held on October 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Stratham Memorial School to see if the town would adopt the Stratham Community Power. The Town Moderator David Emanuel opened the meeting at 7:10 to allow for more check in time for residents. Troop 185 presented colors with Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Moderator David Emanuel, Assistant Moderator Beth Dupell, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deborah Bakie, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector Jim Joseph, Assistant to the Town Clerk Lisa Dudek and Select Board Members Mike Houghton, Allison Knab and Joe Anderson. Supervisors of the Checklist present were Connie Aubin-Adams, Cathy Warner, and Melanie McGrail. 145 registered voters participated in the special town meeting

Article 1: ADOPTION OF STRATHAM COMMUNITY POWER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Stratham Community Power Plan dated July 31, 2023, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Stratham Community Power Plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Charlie Case of the Energy Commission spoke to what community power is further explaining that it would go “live” in February of 2024.

The Town Moderator, David Emanuel opened the floor to a question and answer period. At the conclusion of the question and answer period, a hand vote was taken and Article 1 passed without any objections.

Article 1: OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Houghton Select Board Chair, introduced and thanked members of the Energy Commission to include:

Matt O’Keefe, Chair
Joe Anderson, Select Board Representative
Michael Welty
Charlie Case
Joe Van Gombos
Paul Deschaine

Moderator Emanuel asked if there was any further business to discuss. Seeing no other business before the floor, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Moderator Emanuel adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Bakie
Stratham Town Clerk