

AGENDA

NEWPORT BOARD OF ALDERMEN

APRIL 10, 2023

NEWPORT COMMUNITY POWER

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN — PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT & CPCNH MEMBERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Newport Town Manager has invited a representative of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a Joint Powers Agency formed and governed by 30+ New Hampshire municipalities and counties pursuant to RSA 53-A and RSA 53-E, to present on Newport Community Power and CPCNH Membership.

Implementation of Newport Community Power would establish a locally controlled default electricity supply program and presents an opportunity to lower electricity supply costs for Newport residents and businesses while expanding energy choices. RSA 53-E provides that New Hampshire municipalities may:

- 1) Establish an “Electric Aggregation Committee” (EAC) to;
- 2) Prepare an “Electric Aggregation Plan” (EAP);
- 3) Hold two public hearings on that EAP in advance of bringing the EAP to Town Meeting for voter adoption, which authorizes, but does not obligate, the Board of Selectmen to;
- 4) Contract for services to finance, launch, and operate Newport Community Power.

Henry Herndon of CPCNH will provide a presentation on Newport Community Power to inform the following preliminary actions for consideration by the Board of Selectmen to begin the process of exploring development of Newport Community Power.

ACTION

MOVED to establish an Electric Aggregation Committee pursuant to RSA 53-E:6 to oversee the development of a plan for an electric aggregation program.

MOVED to authorize the Town Manager to enter into the “Joint Powers Agreement” of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire under the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 53-A for the purpose of supporting member municipalities and counties in developing and implementing electric aggregation plans, pursuant to RSA 53-E, as well as related statutory authorities.

MOVED to appoint _____ to serve as Newport’s primary representative to CPCNH and its Board of Directors _____ to serve as an alternate representative to CPCNH.

Included in this Section:

1. Newport Community Power _ Public Hearing Presentation _ 2023-04-10
2. CPCNH _ Amended JPA _ as of 3-16-23.pdf
3. Newport Community Power Plan _ 31Mar2023 _ Draft