

The City of Portsmouth is pursuing Community Power – increasing the electric energy options available for all residents

Community Power Is Coming to You!

To learn more about Community Power join for a live event on:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 7PM at 3S Artspace



Community Power, authorized by NH RSA 53-E, allows local governments to procure electric power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts. Community Power empowers towns, cities, and counties to choose where their electricity supply comes. This is a voluntary program, and residents can take advantage of this pooled supply or stay with their current utility.

There are three main components of Community Power:

- Bulk Electricity Purchases
- Electric Distribution Utilities
- Value Added Retail Products & Services

What is Community Power?

New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties procure electric power supply on behalf of their residents and businesses and provide related services.



Pooled Purchasing Power for Energy Supply

- Access to competitive markets
- Joint risk management = lower costs & price stability
- Option to source power locally & build new renewables

Utility Company Delivers Power

- Utilities own & maintain power grid
- Connecting generation to load
- Ensuring reliable electric service

Communities Benefit from Value Added Services

- Affordable rates
- Access to green power options
- Time-of-Use rate options
- Solar, storage, electric vehicle support

Enabling Legislation: [RSA 53-E, Relative to Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities & Counties](#)

Community Power offers several benefits for residents and businesses including:

- Local Control
- Lower Costs
- Availability to Renewables
- Resilience & Innovation

Benefits of Community Power



Local Control

Democratizing energy procurement to the community level



Lower Costs

MA, NY, CA and other markets have demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities



Renewables

Build & Buy Clean Energy Support more local renewables



Resilience & Innovation

New Technologies Market Competition Price Signals Customer Empowerment

Make Your Voice Heard!

We want your feedback, and hear your questions to inform Portsmouth's Community Aggregation Electric Plan. In the coming months, the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee will be working with the City, and a variety of community stakeholders, to formulate this Plan.

JOIN US!

To learn more about Community Power, join the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee and Portsmouth Smart Growth for a Community event:

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 7PM for a LIVE Event
3S Artspace

Event panelists will feature:

- Sam Evans-Brown, ED, Clean Energy NH
- Julia Griffin, Town Manager, Town of Hanover
- Henry P. Herndon, Consultant, Community Power Coalition of NH

To join the event virtually: [LINK HERE](#)

A recording of the event will be posted here:

[Mayor's Blue Ribbon Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee | City of Portsmouth](#)

