

PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY POWER

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

8/9/2021



LOCAL INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY POWER

Community Power: How and Why

Sustainability

Committee Presenters

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Committee Chair

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PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY POWER

New Opportunities for New Hampshire Communities

Portsmouth City Council Work Session | August 9th, 2021 | 7pm



Guest Presenters

Clifton Below

Assistant Mayor, City of Lebanon

Julia Griffin

Town Manager, Town of Hanover

Henry Herndon

Consultant to Lebanon & Hanover



**COMMUNITY
POWER COALITION
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**
For communities, by communities.

AGENDA: Community Power Opportunities for New Hampshire Communities

- 1 | State Legislation & Statewide Efforts
- 2 | Benefits of Community Power for NH Towns and Cities
- 3 | How does Portsmouth Pursue Community Power?
- 4 | Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire
- 5 | Discussion & Q/A

State Legislation & Statewide Efforts

Q1-2 2020: Community Power “Organizing Group”

Lebanon, Hanover, Nashua, Cheshire County, Harrisville + industry experts research National Best Practices

Q1-2 2021: Public Advocacy to Defend Community Power

House Bill 315: Coalition leads successful statewide public advocacy campaign

Next Steps

Oct 1, Incorporate CPCNH
Q3-4 2021, Vendor Solicitations
Q1 2022, Finalize Regulatory Rules
Q2 2022, Launch Programs

Community Power Law
SB 286, 2019

Q3-4 2020: Coalition Design

RFQ for legal services
6 respondents
Selected DWGP Firm to help draft “Joint Powers Agreement”

Q1-3 2021: Coalition Membership Grows

9 cities & towns have joined CPCNH by adopting the “Joint Powers Agreement”

Community Power Launch

Benefits of Community Power



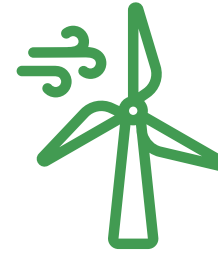
Local Control

Democratizing energy procurement to the community level



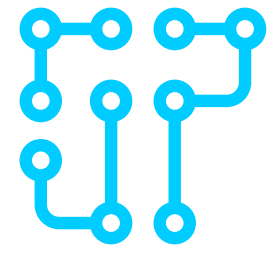
Lower Costs

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



Renewables

Build & Buy Clean Energy



Resilience & Innovation

New Technologies
Market Competition
Price Signals
Customer Empowerment

How does Portsmouth Pursue Community Power?

Join the Coalition

Local Governing Body adopts the Coalition's Joint Power Agreement

Appoint primary & alternate representatives to serve on Coalition Board of Directors

Coalition Resources: expert support, explanatory materials & template resolutions

Committee discusses local issues & collects data

Discuss local governance, policies and objectives for the program

Receive aggregate electric load data from the distribution utility

Coalition Resources: governance discussion & data request support

Committee holds Public Hearings & adopts Plan

Committee adopts plan after incorporating public feedback

Governing Body submits the Plan to Legislative Body for adoption

Coalition Resources: educational materials & presentation support

Process Initiated

Establish a Community Power Committee

Local Governing Body establishes a Community Power Committee

Committee sets timeline and process for program approval

Coalition Resources: template resolution & process support

Committee finalizes draft Community Power Plan

Committee finalizes Coalition template Plan (satisfies requirements of RSA 53-E)

Coalition Resources: Plan template & advisory support

Approve the Community Power Plan

City Council or Town Meeting votes on Electric Aggregation Plan

(Must be approved by majority present and voting)

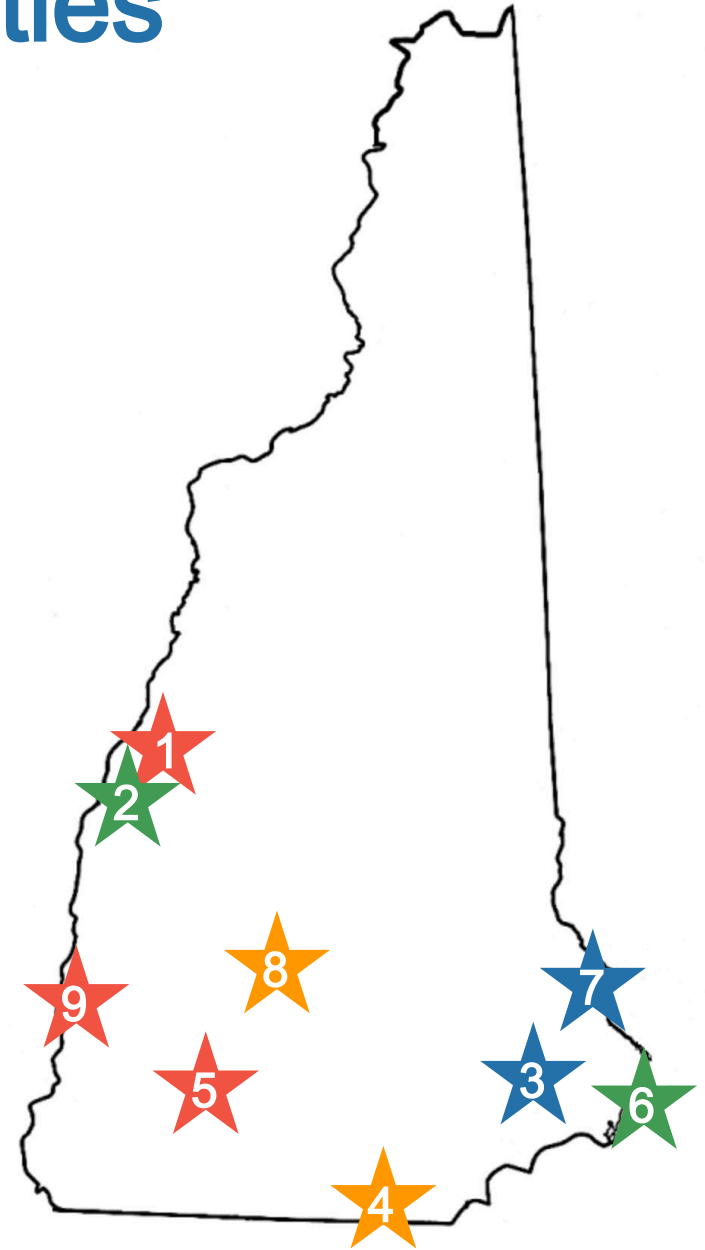
Coalition Resources: summary materials for officials and voters

Program Approved!

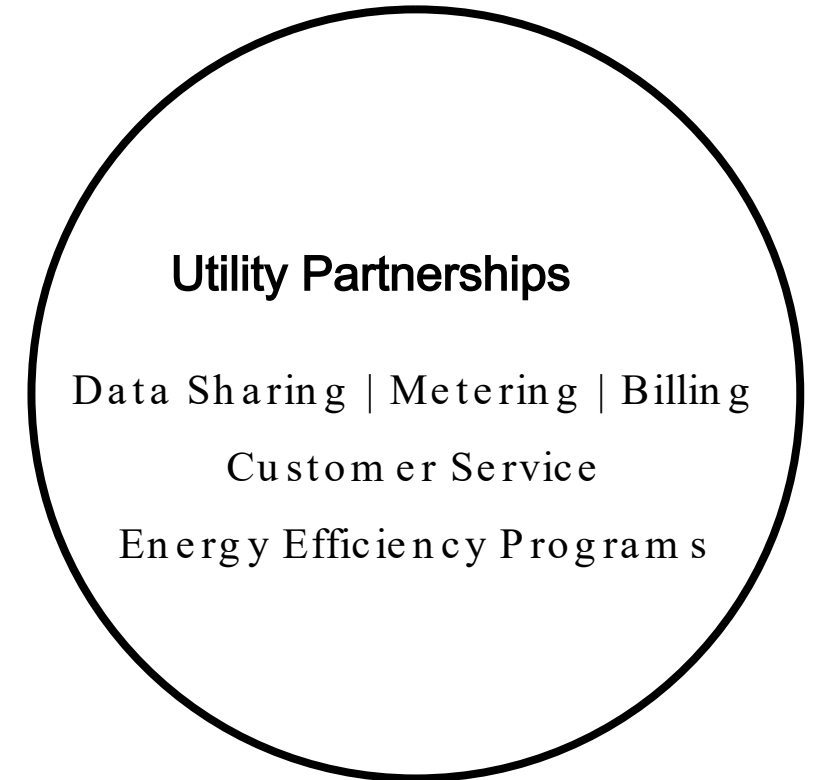
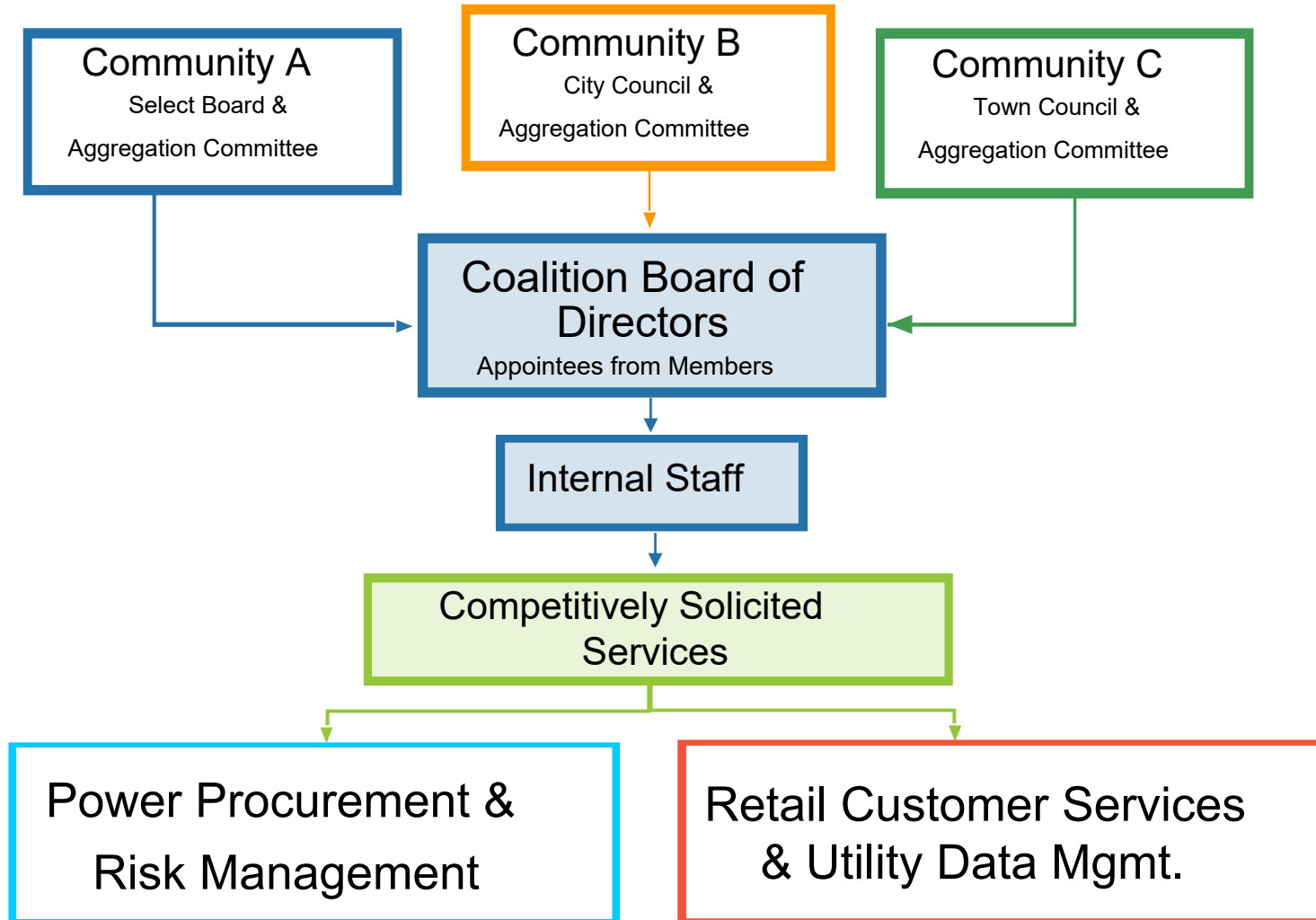
CPCNH Member Communities

- CPCNH has a goal of 13 founding Member community by **October 1 Incorporation**
- Nine municipalities have joined CPCNH by unanimous vote of governing body to **adopt the Joint Powers Agreement** (as of 8/9/21)
- The Joint Powers Agreement is an intermunicipal agreement that establishes CPCNH as a public nonprofit, governed by member communities. **Each member appoints Board Director**
- Portsmouth is invited to join the Coalition

- ★1 Town of Hanover
- ★2 City of Lebanon
- ★3 Town of Exeter
- ★4 City of Nashua
- ★5 Town of Harrisville
- ★6 Town of Rye
- ★7 City of Dover
- ★8 Town of Warner
- ★9 Town of Walpole



Coalition Organizational Chart



FOR COMMUNITIES, BY COMMUNITIES.



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What is the Community Power Coalition?

The Coalition is a statewide public nonprofit in formation, designed

“For Communities, By Communities”



Streamlined Formation

Statewide Peer Network
Technical Services for Committees
Coalition Templates:

- Enabling resolutions
- Electric Aggregation Plan
- Public education materials



Shared Services

Vendor Vetting
Electricity Procurement and
Portfolio Risk Management
Contract Management
Customer Services
Local programs



Local Projects

Joint Power Solicitations &
Economies of Scale
Community Solar + Storage
Project Development

Phase 1 of Coalition Membership:

Benefit from peer-to-peer resources sharing and expert support for the program approval process.

Phase 2 of Coalition Membership:

Shared services and economies of scale for launching Community Power programs, procuring electricity, operating the program, contracting for new project developments, implementing local programs, and engaging at the Legislature & Public Utility Commission on public advocacy and market reforms.

PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY POWER NEXT STEPS

1. Formation of Energy Committee
2. Energy Committee Recommendations to City Council
about pursuit of Community Power
3. Consideration of Community Power Coalition

