

# Hanover Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

## Timeline for Public Planning Process

October 23, 2017	Hanover Selectboard appoints Hanover Electric Aggregation Committee
Fall 2017 – Spring 2019	<p>Hanover Electric Aggregation Committee, a subcommittee of Sustainable Hanover, begins meeting monthly to pursue a range of options to provide a green power alternative electricity product for Hanover “retail” (residential, small business, non-profits) electricity customers, who, because of their small electricity demand, must purchase default power from the incumbent utility at higher retail prices. The EAC began working with consultants from 3Degrees to help the Town explore formal implementation of a municipal aggregation. Through their work it became apparent that the Town faced three constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RSA 53-E established an “opt in” aggregation program available to NH municipalities, a model which has proven ineffective in other states because of relatively lower rates of customer participation. The solution was to amend RSA 53-E to convert the program to “opt out.”</li><li>• Electricity suppliers required complete electricity consumption data (“load curve”) for all customer classes in Hanover on a 15-minute interval basis. Once the Town filed the request with Liberty Utilities, it took over 6 months to provide the data to Hanover, further delaying decision-making.</li><li>• Liberty was unwilling to allow the electricity suppliers access to their customer database for purposes of third-party billing.</li></ul>
January 2019	Legislation is sponsored on behalf of the City of Lebanon and other interested parties, proposing to amend RSA 53-E to shift the municipal electricity aggregation model to “opt out” and several additional components designed to facilitate multi-community and county municipal aggregation. Legislation passes and is forwarded to the Governor for signature in June.
April 2019	3Degrees and the Town of Hanover issue an RFP to electricity suppliers, seeking pricing on a 100% green power mix based on Hanover’s residential electricity load. Only one proposal was received and the respondent was unable to work with Liberty on the pricing and billing logistics.

June 2019	EAC approaches Liberty Utilities to formally request that they create a 50% and 100% green electricity product as an alternative to their default power. Liberty declines arguing that there is no demand and urges the Town of Hanover simply to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates as an offset to the retail load consumed by Hanover. Town staff reports that the Town already does so as part of our EPA Green Power Community status.
July 2019	Hanover approaches Clean Energy NH to ask for their staff assistance in establishing a statewide Community Power Aggregation together with the City of Lebanon. CENH agrees to make Henry Herndon available to staff a fledgling coalition.
September 2019	A small group of communities begin meeting at Clean Energy NH in Concord to discuss the launch of Community Power NH. Participating communities include Hanover, Lebanon, Nashua, Harrisville, and Cheshire County along with the Monadnock Sustainability Hub and the CPNH Steering Committee is formed.
October 2019	Governor Sununu signs legislation that converts RSA 53-E to “opt out”.
Fall 2019 – Winter 2021	CPNH Steering Committee meets over a series of 16 months, formulates a plan utilizing the advisory services of a municipal aggregation consultant and the legal services of both an in-state team of lawyers and a D.C.-based attorney with specific expertise in Community Power Aggregations; develops a Joint Powers Agreement, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for the Community Power Coalition of NH; submits the documents to the Attorney General for review and approval; receives said approval on January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 and prepares to launch.
January - March 2021	Hanover Selectboard and Lebanon City Council vote to sign the Joint Powers Agreement. Nashua and Cheshire County form Electric Aggregation Committees and begin to develop Electric Aggregation Plans.
February 2021	Hanover EAC begins finalizing draft of Electricity Aggregation Plan for Selectboard review and 2021 Town Meeting approval.
March 22, 2021	Hanover Selectboard conducts initial review of draft Electricity Aggregation Plan and outlines process for acquainting the public with the proposed EAP, including the holding of a virtual webinar and Board public hearing prior to Town Meeting.
June 2, 2021	Sustainable Hanover EAC members and Town staff host a public webinar on Hanover Community Power and the Proposed Electric Aggregation Plan.
June 7, 2021	Hanover Selectboard hosts a public hearing on Hanover Community Power and the Proposed Electric Aggregation Plan.



