

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Iris Campbell, Selectwoman; Richard Pelletier, Selectman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Mary Moorehouse Rogers, Ryan Polson, Heather Thyng, Ernie Butler, Dave Lewis

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. RYAN POLSON: STANDARD POWER, INC.

Mr. Polson came before the Board to talk about both an electric purchasing contract for the purpose of saving money on town-owned electric accounts, as well as provide an overview of the Community Power Program. He emphasized that these are two completely different programs.

Mr. Polson handed out a power point presentation to the Board members and reviewed the history of the Community Power Program, as well as the purpose behind it. He said that Standard Power, Inc. teamed up with Good Energy LLP in 2020 and they cover Providence and six other communities in Rhode Island which represents 20% of the State load. They also have 45 programs in Massachusetts which represents 400 million kWh/year. Mr. Polson said that currently, the City of Keene and 11 other NH towns have contracted with them with the first four programs in NH being launched in March. He said there are seven more programs on track for 2023. Mr. Polson explained the timing of buying power in the marketplace which enables better pricing to be offered over Eversource since they buy twice a year during a higher rate market. A copy of the complete PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes. If the Selectmen are interested, the next step would be to appoint a committee (that is separate from the Energy Commission but can be the same people who serve on the Commission) who would work with Community Power.

Ms. Buono asked about the committee needing to be separate from the Energy Commission. Mr. Polson said it's an RSA guideline, but members of the Energy Commission can be on the committee.

Dave Lewis asked Mr. Polson if he is a broker. Mr. Polson said he is a broker/consultant.

Selectman Pelletier asked if the established committee would bring forward an established plan to the Selectmen. Mr. Polson said yes. Selectman Pelletier asked for the timeline for the committee. Mr. Polson said it can be accomplished in 8 meetings to be ready for a 2024 Town Meeting vote.

Mr. Polson reviewed the pricing contract with the Board in which the town would realize a .10 savings over Eversource. He said he is only recommending a 24-month contract at this time and noted that the town accounts would not be eligible for community power, if they chose to go that route, until the 24 months has expired. Ms. Buono said that since it would take a vote at Town Meeting to pass the Community Power Plan, there would only be a few months left on the contract by the time that program is implemented and then the accounts could be switched over. Chairman Bailey said he has a cost savings plan for his personal electricity and wishes more people knew about them. Chairman Bailey made a motion to provide authority to the Town Administrator to sign the 24-month municipal electric purchase contract. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. HILLSBOROUGH YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Heather Thyng came before the Board asking permission to allow food trucks at Grimes Field during the June 3rd games since all the Hillsborough teams are “home” that day and it is an all-day event. Chairman Bailey made a motion granting permission to allow food trucks on June 3 at Grimes Field. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

3. PAVING QUOTES

Ernie Butler met with the Board to go over the paving quotes. Mr. Butler learned from Water/Sewer that they will be working on Mrytle Street in about 5 years, so Mr. Butler removed Mrytle from this year’s paving schedule. Chairman Bailey asked Dave Lewis for a in order list of their upgrading projects. Mr. Lewis said Mrytle and Whittemore are the next roads they will be working on. Chairman Bailey made a motion giving Ernie Butler the authority to sign the paving contract with either All State Construction or Advanced Excavation & Paving once Mr. Butler obtains the cost for East Washington Road from Advanced Excavation & Paving. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

4. JONES ROAD

Ernie Butler asked the Boards permission to cut down 3 trees on Jones Road. Permission is needed because the road is a scenic road. Chairman Bailey made a motion giving permission to Mr. Butler to cut down 3 hazardous trees on the scenic road named Jones Road. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

5. STATE OF NH – PAVING

Ernie Butler learned the State will only pave from white line to white line which is impacting some catch basins that are the responsibility of the State. Ms. Buono contacted the State and forwarded the response to the Board about the State having limited funding and how the paving needs to be completed before the sidewalk project begins. The Board also talked about what the State is doing with the sidewalks, some of the work is impacting some swales. Ms. Buono will be speaking to the town’s State Representative.

6. MINUTES

Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 26, 2023, as amended. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

7. MANIFEST

Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 18414 – 18438 a/k/a Vouchers 18 & 19 in the amount of \$194,839.27 (includes 213 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 029342-029445 a/k/a Voucher 16 in the amount of \$401,191.38. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 10, 2023. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- Yield Taxes – Map 11 Lot 50 \$1,256.33; Map 1 Lot 56 \$452.43; Map 9 Lots 3 & 11 \$8,292.92; Map 1 Lot 17 \$793.39; Map 7 Lot 119 \$8,279.48; Map 12 Lot 48 \$505.25; Map 8 Lot 49 \$395.80
- Cemetery Deed – Hilley/Marlow (Harvey Memorial Cemetery); Cross (Harvey Memorial Cemetery); Lachapelle (Harvey Memorial Cemetery)
- Intent to Cut – Map 5 Lots 7 & 8; Map 4 Lot 53
- Gravel Tax Levy – Map 7 Lot 71 \$90.02

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Program: A Selectboard representative is needed, the Board would first like to see the meeting schedule.

Project Genesis: The kids from Project Genesis made dog waste bag stations that includes a treat jar which will be installed (they are removable) at Butler Park and Grimes Field and will be maintained by the kids at PG. Once the Eagle Scout waste bag system is in place at Grimes Field, those units will be moved elsewhere.

Woods Woolen Mills: On Friday, May 12th, volunteers will be planting tree saplings on the hill where the old administration building was housed.

2 Bridge Street: Sealed bids for the sale of 2 Bridge Street are due on Friday, May 12th and as of today, one bid has been received.

Associated Electric: Barrels are being tested on site. Abutters have been contacted.

Sidewalk Project: The Town is still waiting for any comments on the final plans from the Department of Transportation.

School Resource Officer: The Town will be requesting reimbursement for the SRO for this past school year since there is a budget surplus and funding for the position was not placed within that budget.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

A true record
Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

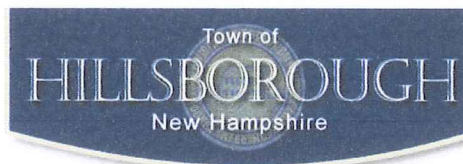
James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman



Town of Hillsborough Community Power



With Standard Power

May 10th, 2023

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Standard Power Inc.

- Administrator of the largest group net-metering program in NH
 - Hydro, Solar
- Solar/Hydro/REC integration for multiple communities
 - In 2013, Standard Power purchased RECs to offset 100% of the electricity sold to our customers
- Active participant at the Public Utilities Commission, DOE and NH State House

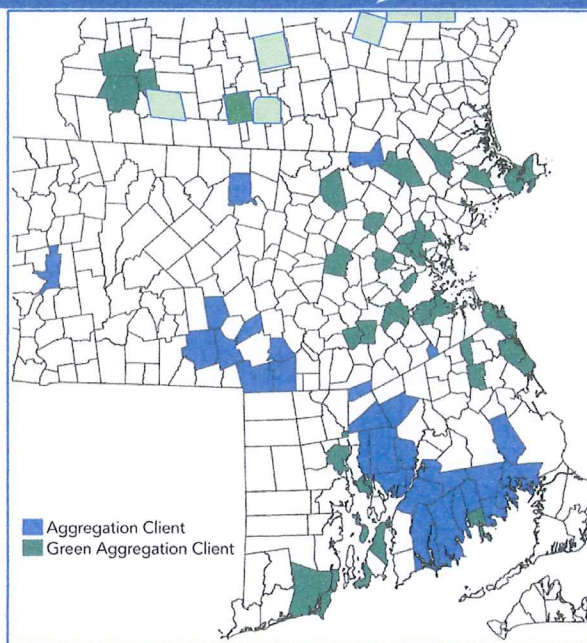


Standard Power was founded in 2010

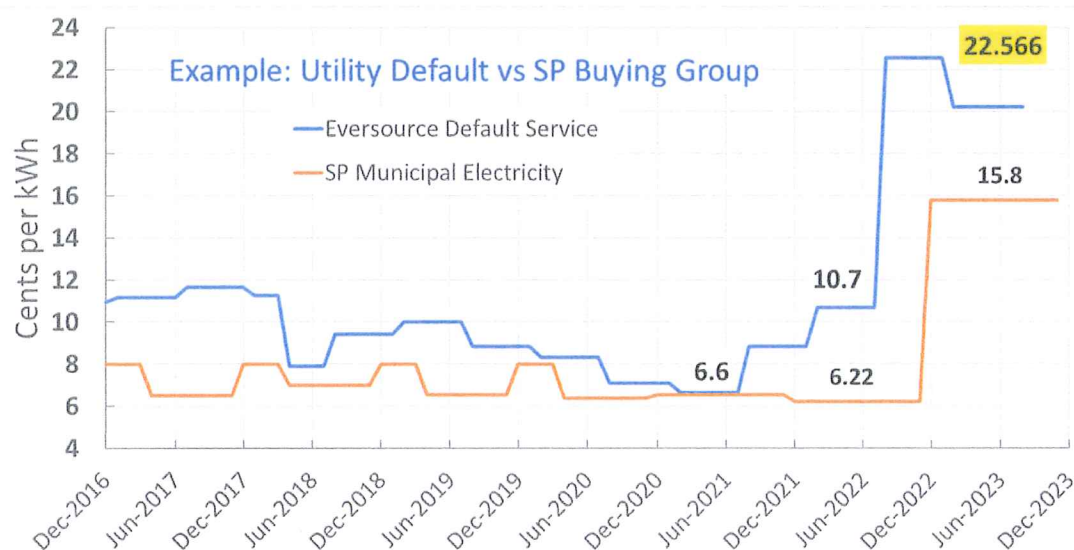
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Standard Power Inc.

- Teamed up with **Good Energy LLP** in 2020
 - Providence and six communities in RI launching in May, representing 20% of state load
 - 45 programs in Massachusetts, representing 400 million kWh/year
- City of Keene and 11 NH Towns
- First four programs in NH launched in March
- Seven more programs on track for 2023



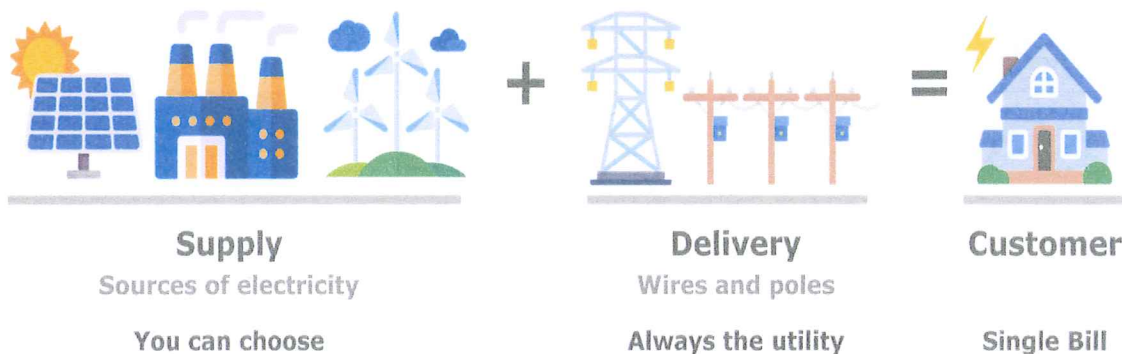
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What is Community Power?



Municipality purchases electricity supply for residents and small businesses.
Goals are cost savings and more renewable energy.
Delivery, emergency services, and billing all stay with the utility.

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Secure Competitive Pricing

Market Timing



Utilities have little flexibility on when to purchase power or how long to lock in. Community Power has complete flexibility.



Buying Power



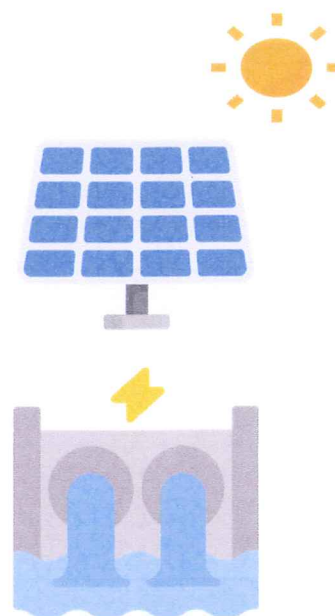
By pooling demand across the entire municipality, we generate significant buying power. We can even team up with other municipalities.

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Local Renewable Energy

Program choices and markets:

- Green Default
- Optional products
- Optional program fund
- Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- Local resources



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More Benefits

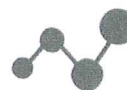
Local control



Consumer protections



Energy planning



Innovative local
programs



Education and
awareness



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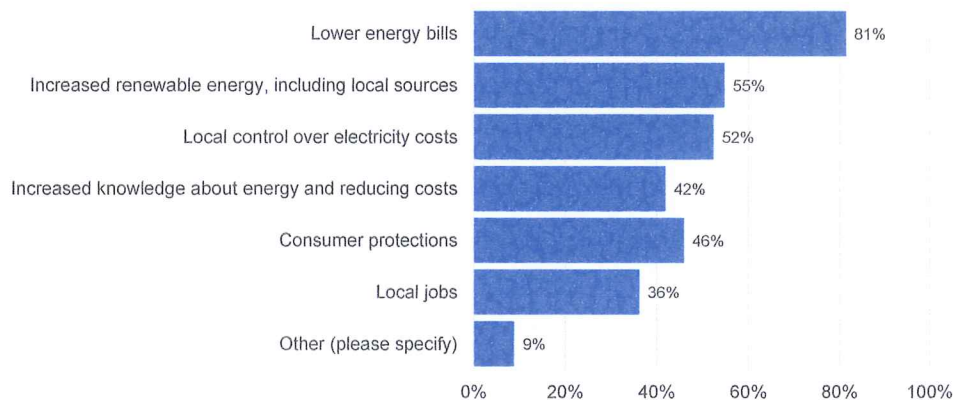
11 Towns Survey Summary Results and Demographics

- 11 Communities
- 1,145 surveys
 - 67% Eversource
 - 15% NHEC
 - 17% Third Party

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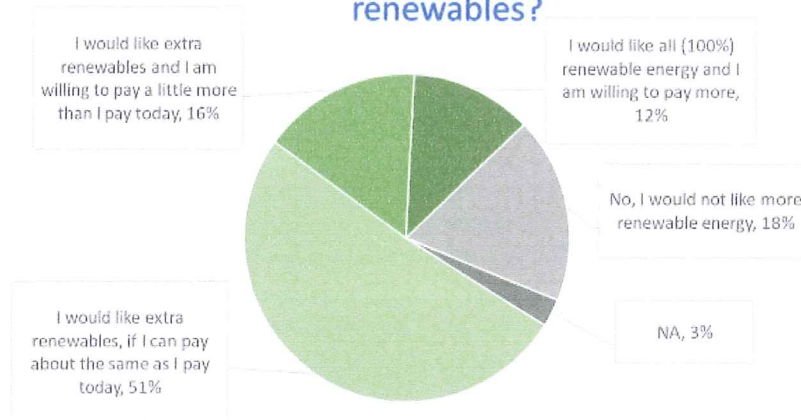
11 Towns Survey: What would you want a program to bring to our community? Check all that apply:



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11 Towns Survey Are you interested in adding additional renewables?



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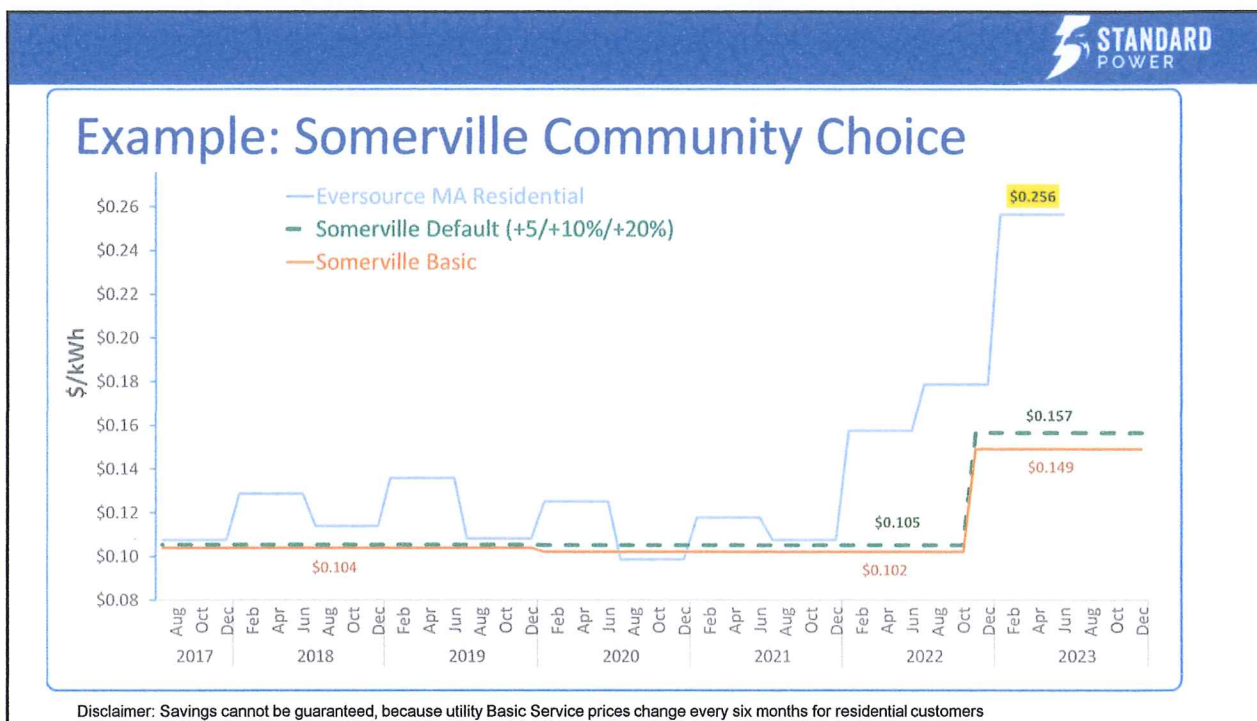


First Four Programs Set to Launch in NH

|  STANDARD POWER  GoodEnergy | June 2023 | Rate (cents/kWh) | Renewable |
|--|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Default | 11.47 | 33.4% |
| | Green 50% | 12.05 | 50% |
| | Green 100% | 13.9 | 100% |
| | Basic | 11.10 | 23.4% |
| CPCNH | Basic | 15.8 | 23.4% |
| Utility Rates | Eversource | 20.221 | 23.4% |

Keene, Wilton, Swanzey and Marlborough to launch in June

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STANDARD POWER

Community Power Highlights:

- ☐ Opt-out program bundles together eligible customers for savings
- ☐ Those currently on competitive supply are not eligible but can opt-in
- ☐ Choices for lowest cost and 100% renewable
- ☐ Electric assistance customers keep full benefits
- ☐ Work on local energy initiatives
- ☐ No cost to the municipal budget

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Community keeps decisions and savings local

Write a plan → Get approval → Buy electricity

When you work with our team

Form CP committee

Define goals

Plan; renewable energy integration

Plan; customer treatment

Plan; regulatory requirements

Community Feedback

Public Outreach

Public review process

Local approval

Community outreach

Public meetings

Public hearings

Regulatory submission

Regulatory Q&A

Regulatory approval

Engage suppliers to a new market

Supplier data

Supplier vetting

Market timing

Bidding

Contract negotiation

Choosing a supplier

Public outreach

Direct mail materials

Public meetings

Opt-out process

Customer Service

Ongoing program

management

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Timeline

Form Your Team

Plan &
Approve

Regulatory

Outreach + launch

Manage +
Monitor

1. Appoint a Community Power Committee

2. Choose experienced SP/GE to help plan and launch your program

3. Draft Community Power Plan with public input

4. Secure local approval of plan (Select Board and Town Meeting)

5. Submit Plan to Public Utilities Commission for approval. This approval step can be initiated prior to approval at Town meeting

6. Procure electricity supply

7. Implement public education and opt-out campaign

8. **Launch!** Eligible accounts that have not opted out are automatically enrolled

9. Provide ongoing customer support, outreach, opt up campaigns, data management and analysis, planning, and more

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Questions?



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