

**Article 41 Citizen Petition: Community Power Aggregation Committee:**

Shall the Town establish a committee of local residents, town officials, local businessmen, local educational institutions,

- landowners and developers to investigate the best avenue for establishing the Town of Raymond Community Power, per NH RSA 53-E. The Organization shall be known as Raymond Community Power. Selectmen shall appoint members to the Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee (per RSA 53-E:6) in the 2 weeks following the 1st Session of Town Meeting on 2/11/23 and the Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee shall provide article support at the March 14, 2023, Town Meeting in support of establishing Community Power in Raymond.

- If this article is approved by the Town Meeting in March 2023, the Aggregation Committee shall continue to work on developing the Electric Aggregation Plan (per RSA 53-E:6) and shall define the Aggregation Program (per RSA 53-E:7). All statutory requirements defined in RSA 53:E shall be delivered to the Selectmen in anticipation of hearings for the 2024 Town Meeting or sooner.

- The Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee shall investigate various methods of aggregation including, but not limited to, Solar Farms, Purchase Power Agreements (PPA), lease, buy, Power Collaboratives and the utilization of Geothermal heating/cooling technologies for applicability. Sales of private power into the Raymond Community Power shall identify considerations for fair allocation of power revenue between parties in the agreement.

- The Community Power Aggregation Committee shall offer recommendations to the Planning Board for recommended changes to the Town of Raymond Zoning ordinances and the Master Plan to accommodate and encourage Community Power as a community asset. The Committee may establish subcommittees to research specific topics and report to the full Power Aggregation Committee for inclusion into the final documents.

- The Community Power Committee shall investigate sources of grants from all sources including, but not limited to, the State of New Hampshire Agencies, Federal Government Agencies and private funding institutions. The committee shall also examine the potential for selling "shares" to community members (crowd sourcing) to enable the ability to purchase defined amounts of energy in future years based on an initial "investment" in a locally owned facility (Solar farm) as a separate class. Shall also examine Brownfield Solar Array deployments.

- The Aggregation Plan shall prioritize municipal and school electricity expenditures, State EAP subsidies for low-income, Elderly (over 55) Housing and Workforce Housing in this order to stabilize and reduce cost variability to these populations and provide a public benefit. Geothermal for large commercial and industrial buildings shall also be assessed. Selectmen shall consider negotiating a 2.0-2.5 MW Solar Farm using a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) at \$0 cost to the Town for the purpose of providing electric power for school and municipal needs at the Selectmen's earliest opportunity.

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