



Town of Antrim
Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023
4:00PM

Board Members Present: Michael Ott Chairman, Selectman Donna Hanson, Selectman Bob Edwards.
Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister.

Others Present: See Attached

Workshop 4 – 6pm

The Board began a review of the Stewardship Plan for Town buildings noting that priorities within the report are subject to contractor availability and cost. The Board agreed that life safety issues are priorities and that using an envelope of structures focus, i.e., repairing a roof to avoid repairing water damage to walls, will guide funding for repairs and maintenance. The roof of town hall topped a list of repairs and maintenance along with window replacement in the future. The Aiken Street building housing the Grapevine required windows and repairs to exterior walls, some basement framing and the installation of a vapor barrier for the dirt floor. The Board also discussed the Library noting that the second story windows needed replacement that will help with energy efficiency, an updated fire alarm panel, work on the roof, doors, and electrical work. The highway garage and police station were also discussed. While the addition to the highway garage is complete the older part of the building was discussed along with the repairs to the Police building's HVAC system. Ms. Hanson made the motion to recess the meeting until 6:00pm. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting recessed at 5:40pm.

Regular Meeting – 6:00pm

Monadnock Sustainability Hub – Community Power Presentation

Jerry Burns introduced Nora Hanke Program Manager for the Monadnock Sustainability Hub, and Jason Cooper from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Hanke gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining community power concepts (see attached). The Board thanked the group for the presentation.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hanson made the motion to approve the July 28 meeting minutes. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Liberty Farm Bridge Repair Quotes

The Board reviewed two quotes for repairs to Liberty Farm Bridge. See Below.

Hansen	\$72,620 – Repair	\$185,638 – Temporary Wooden Bridge
QCC	\$95,760 – Repair	

The Board emphasized that, aside from safety, the timing of repair and availability of funding were important. Specifically, Board members wanted bridge repairs completed before winter to avoid having to keep provide winter maintenance to the newly designated Emergency Lane section of Stacy Hill. Residents from the area expressed concern should repairs not be completed prior to winter. The Board directed the TA to review available financing.

Police Department – HVAC Repair Bids

Scott Lester, Officer in Charge (OIC), briefed the Board on the status of the repairs explaining that he was still reviewing the HVAC problem, but provided what he had so far. The Board suggested that he solicit at least two more quotes. Mr. Lester agreed to do so.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Ott attended a Rec Commission meeting over the most appropriate place to issue beach passes, town beach, or town office was discussed. Ms. Hanson, none. Mr. Edwards, none.

Town Administrator Update

Server Quote

The TA explained that the current server was over 5-years old. Mr. Ott asked about the specifications and wondered why not all the drives were solid state. The TA agreed to touch base with MiradorIT.

Appointment – Contoocook North Branch Advisory Commission

Ms. Hanson made the motion to appoint Bill Newbold as a member to the Contoocook North Branch Advisory Commission. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

School Board Appointment

Ms. Hanson made the motion to accept Crista Salamy's resignation as Antrim's representative to the school board. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Ms. Hanson made the motion to appoint Erin Pils-Martin as Antrim's representative to the school board. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other Business

Tim Morehouse briefed the Board on repair costs to the dugouts on Shea Field explaining that it will be approximately \$500. He also noted that the Lion's Club may well match that amount as part of their civic involvement program. The Board thanked Mr. Morehouse for his efforts.

Non Public Session – RSA 91-A :3 II (b) (c)

Mr. Edwards made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) (c) to discuss employee performance tax payment agreements. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Roll call vote; Mike Ott, yes; Donna Hanson, yes; Bob Edwards, yes.

The Board convened in non-public session at approximately 1922.

The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 2000.

Adjourn

There being no further business Ms. Hanson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Russell McAllister

MONADNOCK SUSTAINABILITY HUB



Community Power for New Hampshire Towns



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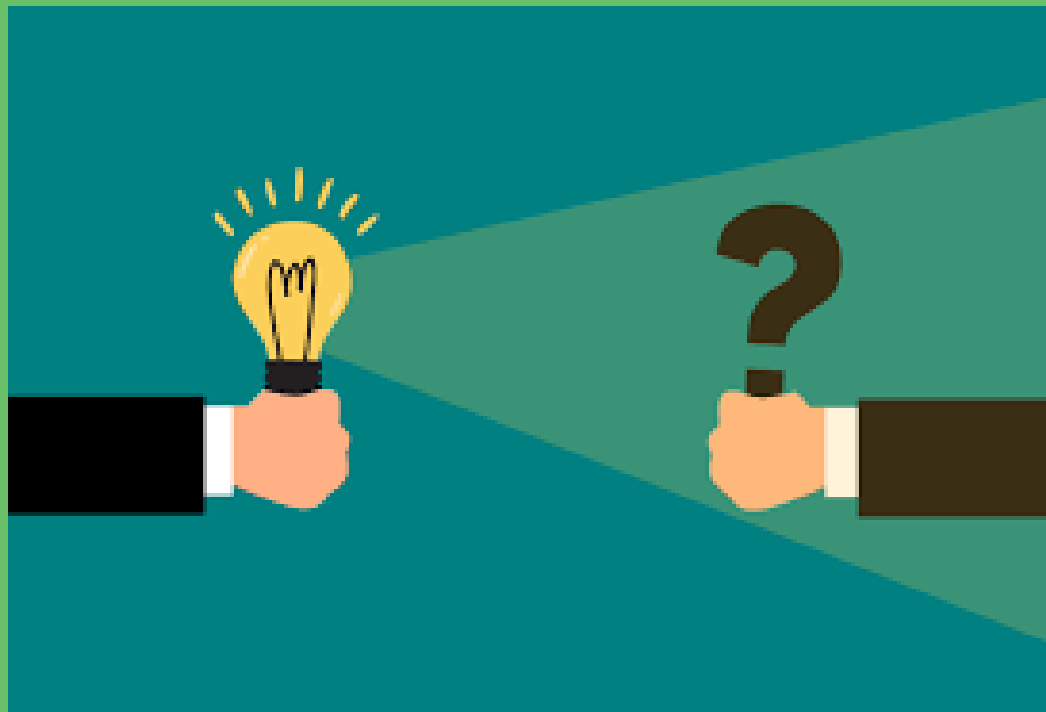
The Hub is a catalyst for energy and climate solutions in the Monadnock region. We work collaboratively to transition the region to 100% renewable energy by 2050.



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Promotes sound decision-making for effective management of the region's natural, cultural and economic resources. Provides technical assistance and regional coordination to its 34 member communities.

A Few NH Facts*:



- 4th highest average retail price of electricity paid by the residential sector (April 2023)
- 1 of only 8 States where residential sector is the largest energy consumer
- Reliance on fuel oil as primary heating source is about 10 times greater than national average

* Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

What is Community Power?

In its most basic form, Community Power allows local governments to:

- buy electricity in bulk
- for their residents and businesses
- from electrical suppliers at wholesale rates



Town Hall

Residence



What *Changes* with Community Power?



Supply



Town's plan becomes the power supplier on residents' utility bills.



Resilience, Renewables,



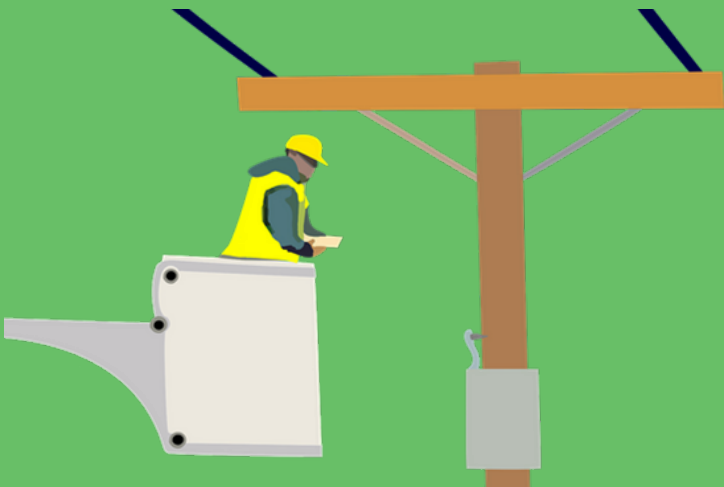
Towns can choose electricity mix, and billing features can support local energy projects.

Billing



Residents continue to receive a familiar-looking bill from their usual utility.

Poles and Wires



Utilities still own & maintain poles and wires.

Why Choose Community Power?

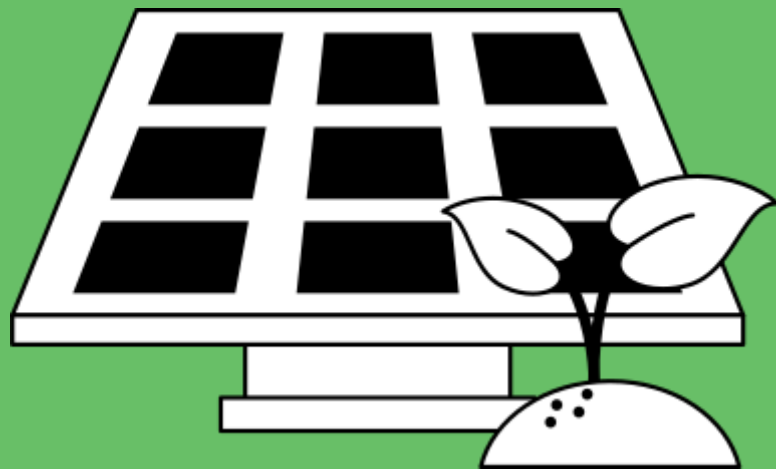
Local Control



Lower Pricing



Renewable Energy



Value Added Services



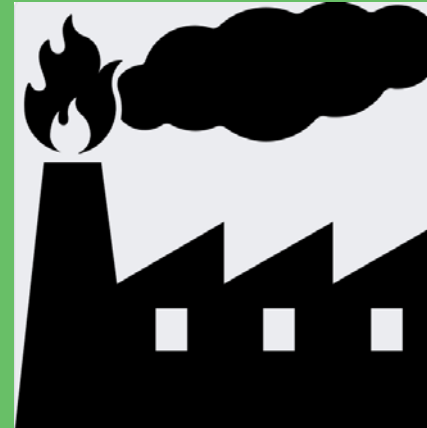
Examples of Value Added Services



- Investment in Local Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency for Low-Income Homes
- Batteries for Resilient Communities

Community Power and Renewables

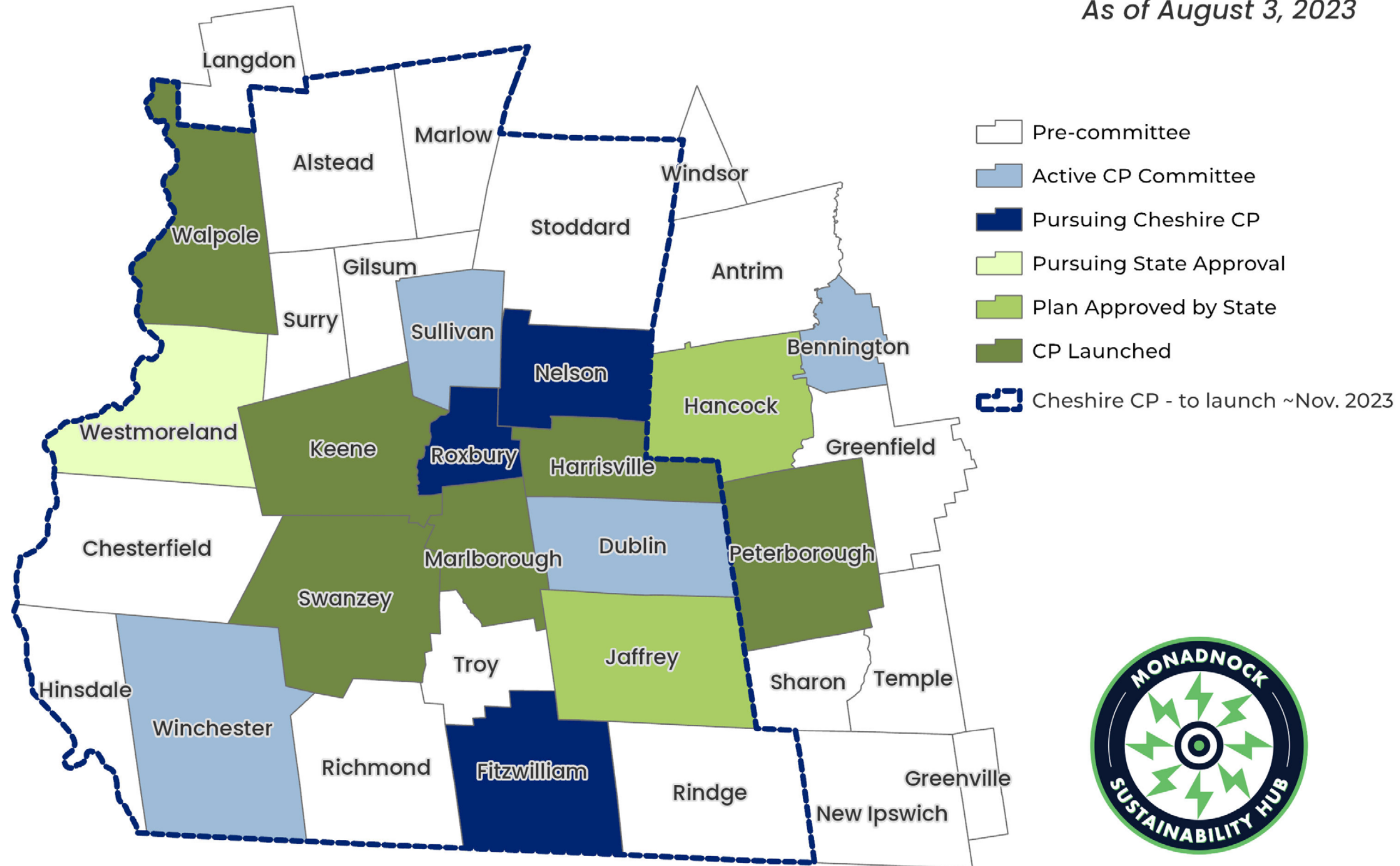
- State renewables target - 25.2% (2025)
- Towns can promote renewables by choice of default
- Revenue can fund new renewable energy projects
- New local power supply can further reduce ratepayer costs



**Choices lie with the town, and can be guided by
Town's goals and residents' values**

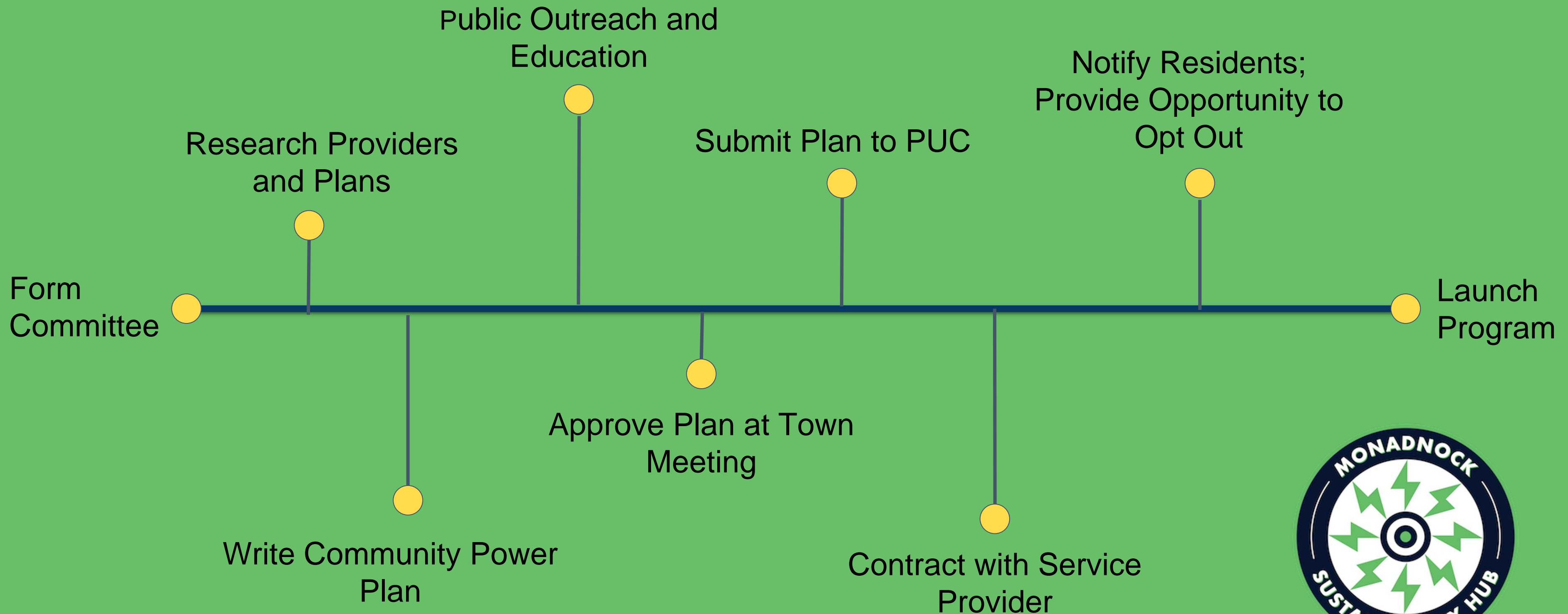
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Key Action Steps



Service Providers

Towns can partner with **Commercial Brokers** or a **Nonprofit Agency** for planning, resident outreach and to implement Community Power.

Brokers: **Standard Power/Good Energy**
Freedom Energy Logistics/Colonial Power

Nonprofit: **Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire**

Before Launch

Residents & businesses on the default utility plan are notified & given the opportunity to opt up, down or out before plan launches.



Those who don't opt out/down/up will get the new plan's default choice on their electrical bills, automatically.

August 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024				
Residential, General Service, Outdoor Lighting				
Renewable Content	Power Options	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost*	6-Month Savings
100%	Clean 100	15.2 ¢	± \$91 / month	Clean Premium
50%	Clean 50	12.3 ¢	± \$74 / month	± \$6
33%	Granite Plus <i>(Default Power)</i>	11.3 ¢	± \$68 / month	± \$42
23.4%	Granite Basic	10.9 ¢	± \$65 / month	± \$60
23.4%	Eversource	12.582 ¢	± \$75 / month	N/A

2023 Launches

- At launch, all options in all towns' plans saved customers money compared to Eversource default supply

Plan	Default % Renewables	Default supply cost (cents/kWh)	Opt-up 50% price (cents/kWh)	Opt-up 100% price (cents/kWh)
Eversource	23.4	12.6	N/A	N/A
Walpole, Harrisville	23.4	10.9	12.3	15.2
Peterborough	33	11.3	12.3	15.2
Keene, Marlborough, Swanzey	33	11.5	12.1	13.9

- Very few residents/businesses opted for different choice than plan default
- Contract differences exist, such as whether or not energy prices change over period

Service Providers

Brokers:

Standard Power/Good Energy:

Bob Hayden

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Colonial Power/Freedom Logistics

Stuart Ormsbee

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Non-profit:

Community Power Coalition
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(CPCNH) Henry Herndon

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Questions??



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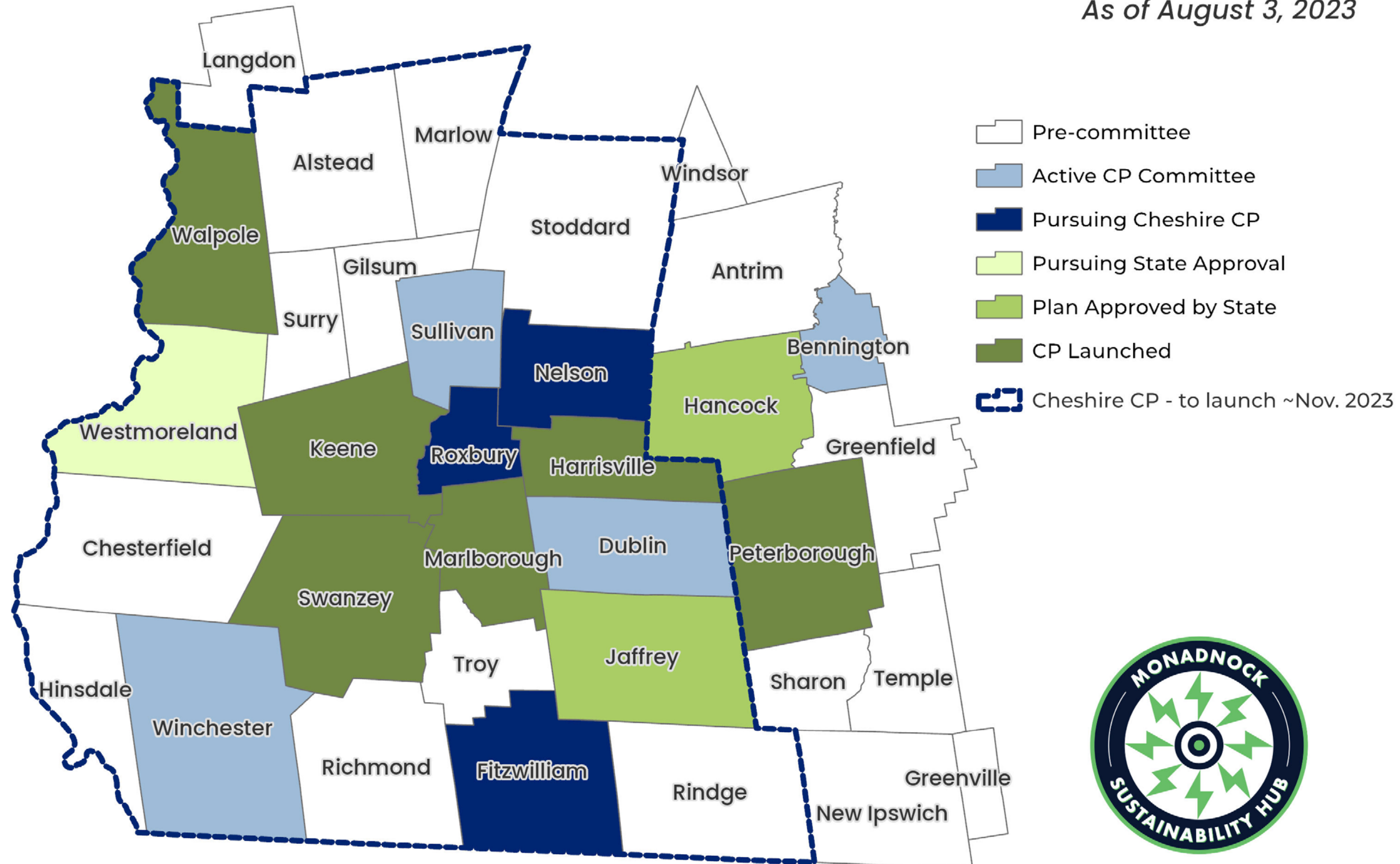
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**PUBLIC ATTENDEES FOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S Meeting
Monday August 14, 2023**

PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
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Rick Ward	LIBRARY
Diane Yeo	Grapevine
Melissa Gallagher	Grapevine
John Anderson	Planning Board
Jerry Burns	Monadnock Sustainability Hub
Helen Newbold	Resident
BILL NEWBOLD	RESIDENT
Andrea Jurewich	resident
Adam Jurewich	resident
Leslie Bensinger	resident
JIM PLOUDE	HIGHWAY DEPT.
Scott Lester	Police Dept.
David Matteson	Principal Hawthorne Academy
Tim Morehouse	PARC
Marshall Gale	Fire/Amb
Erin Pils-Martin	resident
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