

## Windham Community Power Aggregation- What's Happening

In March Windham voters overwhelmingly passed the Warrant Article authorizing the Town to proceed to offer residents a better choice for their electricity source. The Local Energy Committee has been working with our selected partner, Standard Power, to implement the program. The Committee will be holding a public informational meeting in January 2025 (date/time to be announced).

You may ask why the Town did not start the program shortly after the vote? At that time and during spring and summer, Eversource and Liberty Utilities rates were lower than what could be negotiated.

We have two scenarios leading to Program Launch in 2025 depending upon the December/January weather. Typically, Program Launch comes 60-90 days following electricity supply contract signing.

Scenario 1: Temperature is mild and natural gas prices (which determine wholesale electricity prices) remain low.

Action: Standard Power negotiates acceptable rates for the Town in January followed by Program Launch in April

Scenario 2: Temperature is cold and natural gas prices rise.

Action: Standard Power waits to negotiate rates until early Spring when rates have been historically low followed by Program Launch in May or June

As we close in on the Program Launch, here are some steps to look for in the coming months:

- Supply contract signed offering four choices – Windham Basic, Windham Default (greener but still below the utility rate), Windham 50% Green, and Windham 100% Green (all green at a slightly higher rate than the utility). The fixed rate period will be, at least, 12-30 months rather than the utility's 6-month period, offering a more stable rate.
- Official press release from the Town announcing the program launch, what to expect, and how to get information. This notice will be posted on the Town website and sent to local press outlets shortly after the contract is signed, 60-90 days before enrollment begins. Note that the program will never ask you for personal or payment information.
- Letter to every household and business with program details and important information regarding your participation, depending on whether you are eligible for automatic enrollment in the program or not. Keep this letter for your records, and plan to attend the public hearing date included in the letter.
- All customers on utility default supply will be enrolled in the Windham Default program unless they make another selection or opt out of the program. Customers on competitive supply are not eligible for automatic enrollment but can join the program (opt in). There are no costs to join or leave the program
- If you want to participate in the program and are currently on utility default supply then no further action is required, you will be automatically enrolled in the program default option. You can also choose to opt out or change products within the program, effective on your next available meter read date.

- Windham Community Power webpage launch- with program information and frequently asked questions. Linked from the official town website: <https://windhamnh.gov/>

Stay tuned for an anticipated 2025 launch!