

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

April 26, 2021

ORDERED:

Whereas, on March 17, 2014 the Newburyport City Council pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 164 Section 134 resolved that the City of Newburyport initiate the process to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business communities; and

Whereas, on June 8, 2015 the Newburyport City Council resolved that the City of Newburyport adopt an Energy Aggregation Plan as prepared by the City's Aggregation consultant, Colonial Power Group, Inc. and submit such plan to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and

Whereas, the City of Newburyport Aggregation Plan was approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and

Whereas, following the approval of the Aggregation Plan, preliminary electricity risk was deemed unsatisfactory by the Energy Advisory Committee and therefore, the City has not yet solicited competitive bids from electricity suppliers to serve the Aggregation Plan; and

Whereas, currently, however, aggregation risks, pricing and options for renewable energy are more favorable; and

Whereas, the City of Newburyport intends, therefore, to solicit bids from electric suppliers to serve the Aggregation Plan, provided that if such bids are agreeable, an electric supply contract would need to be executed on the date bids are received.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, the City of Newburyport publicly declares its intent to reaffirm its commitment as a municipally aggregated community, to obtain pricing, and to enter into an electric supply contract on behalf of its residential and business communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, an Ad Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee be established to review competitive electric supply offers by the City's Electrical Aggregation Consultant and make recommendations to the Mayor. The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will consist of 6 members including:

- The Mayor
- The City Council President (or City Council designate)
- The Recycling and Energy Manager
- Three members of the Energy Advisory Committee

A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 3 members and the Ad Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will provide periodic updates to the City Council on the Municipal Aggregation program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Newburyport City Council authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an electric supply contract in consultation with the City's Ad Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee and the City's Electrical Aggregation Consultant on such terms and conditions as the Mayor determines for a term not to exceed 36 months and to be in the best interests of electricity consumers in the City.

Councillor Heather L. Shand

Councillor Charles F. Tontar

Councillor Christine E. Wallace