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### **Kensington to hold two public hearings on adopting Community Power Plan**

*Hearings scheduled for Tuesday December 12, 2023, and Wednesday December 13, 2023*

**Kensington, NH** – The Town of Kensington is hosting two Public Hearings on the draft Kensington Community Power plan on *December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>* at 2:30PM at the Kensington Town Hall.

Residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend to learn about the proposed plan to create Kensington Community Power. The aim of the program is to help electricity customers save money on the supply of their electricity. The public hearings are part of the preparations for bringing a warrant article on the Kensington Community Power to Town meeting in the spring.

Earlier this year, the Kensington Selectboard established the Kensington Community Power Electric Aggregation Committee to pursue potential electric cost savings for residents and taxpayers that may come from electricity aggregation under RSA 53-E, also known as the Community Power Law.

In enacting RSA 53-E, the New Hampshire legislature found it to be in the public interest to allow municipalities to aggregate retail electric customers in order to reduce electric costs and encourage innovative solutions to local energy needs.

The Committee's mission is to recommend an entity to facilitate the Kensington Community Power program and to draft a Kensington Community Power Plan (also referred to as an Electric Aggregation Plan). At the recommendation of the Committee, the Kensington Selectboard voted to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, a nonprofit power supplier created by New Hampshire cities and towns to share resources and maximize the benefits and savings of community power programs statewide.

Under Community Power programs, electric distribution utilities continue to own and operate and maintain the power lines and infrastructure while local communities gain control over the cost of their energy and where it is sourced from.

Information about Community Power programs is available at [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov) and [www.cpcnh.org](http://www.cpcnh.org).