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SHELBURNE MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM

100% renewable energy option will reduce carbon emissions, aid environment

Program will provide savings of \$220,000

SHELBURNE, MA – Following years of planning, Shelburne has received all necessary approvals and is now implementing a green energy program that will reduce the community's carbon footprint and provide stable, more affordable electricity costs.

Shelburne collaborated with 11 other Franklin County communities and the Town of Huntington to develop and implement Community Choice electricity aggregation, gaining the ability to buy electricity in bulk and to negotiate better pricing for residents and small business owners. It also permits Shelburne to purchase energy with a higher renewable content than is state required.

The Shelburne Community Choice Power Supply Program is expected to save residents and small business owners more than \$220,000 in their electricity costs during the 41-month contract term. This equates to an average 11% savings during that time period compared to Eversource's basic rate. The combined monthly savings for Shelburne electricity ratepayers will exceed \$6,300.

“Given the current economic conditions and knowing there are some residents having suffered temporary and permanent job losses, we are particularly thrilled to be starting a new program designed to provide lower overall costs on a necessary service,” Shelburne Town Administrator Terry Narkewicz said. “The Town's overall goal is to offer our residents and small business owners an opportunity to save money on their electricity costs. By joining the Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Program, not only will residents and small business owners save money; they will have a choice between a “standard plan” or a “100% renewable energy option.”

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The program offers two options. The Standard Plan meets the state-mandated minimum of 28% renewable energy and the Optional Plan includes the use of 100% renewable wind power to generate the electricity purchased.

The collaborative of 13 communities signed a contract with municipal energy consultant Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services to develop and manage the program and to supply electricity. The program is scheduled to commence in August 2020.

The standard plan being provided by Shelburne’s program is “opt-out,” as provided by state law, which means Shelburne customers on Eversource’s Basic Service plan are automatically enrolled unless they request otherwise. Residents and small business owners who would like to increase their use of renewable energy will need to request enrollment in the Optional Plan.

There are no penalties or fees associated with enrolling or unenrolling in the Shelburne Community Choice Power Supply Program. Ratepayers can easily move in and out of the program as they wish. However, anyone switching from a contract with a third-party supplier may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms before switching.

“Community Choice electricity programs provide tremendous benefits to the environment and the community,” said Mark Cappadona, President of Colonial Power Group. “We commend Shelburne’s leaders for their forward-thinking approach to energy purchasing.”

There will be no change to residents’ and business owners’ electricity service, billing, or customer service. As occurs now, one bill per month will be issued by Eversource and payments will continue to be remitted to Eversource. The electricity supplier for the new program, Dynegy Energy Services, will be listed under “Supplier Services” on residents’ monthly bills.

Ratepayers with a supplier block on their electricity account must contact their utility company to request that the block be removed to participate in the program.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the program against Eversource Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Residents may visit www.colonialpowergroup/shelburne or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 for more information about Shelburne’s Community Choice Power Supply Program.

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