

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
RESOLUTION #2020-06-08**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A
COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has authorized municipalities, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 1.2 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the "Act"), to aggregate the retail electric load in their communities through the development and operation of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs; and

WHEREAS, CCA programs offer the opportunity both to lower costs to individual consumers and to allow for selection of renewable sources for electric energy, through the advantages of bargaining collectively with electric suppliers, thus providing longer-term price stability and more renewable energy options to the residents and businesses of the Town of Portsmouth, along with other municipalities in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Portsmouth may review and consider the City of Providence's competitive bidding for CCA consulting services, including their Request for Proposals, responses received, and other information the City of Providence has made available; and

WHEREAS, the other Rhode Island communities of Providence, Central Falls, South Kingstown and Barrington have enacted enabling resolutions and are in the process of developing and approving CCA programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Portsmouth may benefit from working in conjunction with our sister communities, both from their experience and the potential of increasing our collective bulk purchasing power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to research and develop a plan to aggregate the retail electric loads within the Town through a CCA program in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to develop an aggregation plan under which all eligible customers will be automatically enrolled in the program unless such customers opt-out of the program consistent with the requirements of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Administrator to engage a consultant with experience in developing and administering CCA programs to assist the Town in the creation and operation of an aggregation plan and CCA program provided that the Town shall not be required to draw upon the General Fund to compensate such consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator shall provide regular updates to the Town Council regarding the development of the aggregation plan and CCA program, including the presentation of a plan for public hearing and final approval.

Approved by Town Council Action this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Kevin M. Aguiar, President
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk