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The Portsmouth Town Council will hold a hearing for members of the public to provide feedback on the electricity aggregation plan as drafted by the Town of Portsmouth. The draft plan may be viewed at [insert Town webpage where Plan will be posted].

The public hearing will be held via the [Zoom platform or other] at 7pm on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Instructions for participating using a computer, smart device, or telephone will be posted at [insert Town webpage where it will be available] starting on [insert Time and Day]. Interested parties may call the Town Clerk's office at 401-683-2101 for the instructions.

A community electricity aggregation program will create a new default electricity supply for Portsmouth residents and businesses. Instead of utilizing National Grid's electricity supply, Portsmouth will bundle together the electricity load of residents and businesses and use that buying power to procure the electricity supply. With community electricity aggregation, the Town is able to make strategic decisions about when to solicit bids, lock in fixed pricing for multiple years, and increase the amount of renewable energy above the existing statewide minimum. Residents and businesses will be able to elect not to participate in this program.

Those interested in providing comments may do so during the hearing or in advance by writing to the Director of Business Development, Richard Talipsky, via mail at 2200 E Main Road Portsmouth, RI 02871, emailing rtalipsky@portsmouthri.com, or calling 401-643-0382. After the public comment, the Council may vote to approve the plan and submit it to the Public Utilities Commission for their review.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired should call the Town Clerk's Office at 401-683-2101, 72 hours in advance.

Per order of the Portsmouth Town Council.
Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk