



**TOWN OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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Community Development Department

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Town Council  
CC: Christopher Dillon, Town Manager  
Joseph R. Devine, Assistant Town Manager  
FROM: Crayton Brubaker, Community Development Program Manager  
RE: Information on Community Power Coalition of NH  
DATE: January 3, 2024

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The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (hereafter CPCNH) is a nonprofit power agency enabled under RSA 53-E. The CPCNH currently has 50 municipality members in either the planning, launching, or operating stage. CPCNH is an alternative to a default electric provider, such as Liberty Utilities.

If the Town Council desires to join the CPCNH, then the Town Council would need to adopt the Coalition's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Adopting the JPA would neither cost the Town any fees, nor establish a firm commitment to fully joining and implementing community power. Once the JPA is adopted, the Town would have access to CPCNH resources and expertise to guide them in the initial planning process.

If the JPA is adopted, the Town would then establish an Electric Aggregation Committee (EAC) to provide public hearings and input sessions, prepare an Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP), and ultimately bring it to a future Town Meeting vote. This process typically takes at least a year and would not be a consideration for the 2024 Town Meeting.

More information is included in the additional handouts provided by CPCNH. A representative will be in attendance at the January 8, 2024, meeting to present and answer questions the Town Council may have.

w/ Attachment:

Salem Invitation to Join CPCNH

Salem Town Council Presentation

CPCNH New Member Onboarding Checklist

CPCNH Joint Powers Agreement as of 4-21-23