

**Newton Citizens Commission on Energy
October 25, 2017 Agenda**
City of Newton

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**The October 2017 meeting of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy will be held:
Wednesday evening, October 25th, 2017 at 7:39 p.m. in Room 204, Newton City Hall**

Agenda (Any other business properly brought to the Commission's attention)

(Review of September 2017 minutes)

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New Business To be discussed

1. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

a) Gevelber analysis (version 3?) of "Willingness to Pay" green power survey results

MG presented GN survey with most recent data, which indicated a high proportion of people who stopped to be surveyed would pay more for additional renewable energy. About 13 percent said they would not be willing to pay more, but

Michael noted that Brookline received a low bid that priced their 25% default (plus 12 % state requirement = 37%) at about \$2 extra (compared to Eversource Basic service, but the town decided not to push beyond the 25% extra renewables that Town Meeting had approved.

MG suggested that the City should consider a special class of people who are getting the R2 rate from Eversource and provide an option for them and others who could stay enrolled in the aggregation without paying for the default level of renewables.

b) status of Community Choice Aggregation contract with Peregrine

Jim, who is on the City's working group along with Halina, gave a brief update on the contract and scope, which have been finalized. The City will be meeting with Peregrine early in November to discuss their preliminary drafts of public outreach materials.

- 2. Check-in with Bill Ferguson on efficiency efforts in Newton Public Buildings. Preliminary results given this summer's massive lighting swap out Newton North HS and next steps – can we compare additional weeks of performance. (Linked to this topic: understanding unexpectedly high consumption in Newton North at times during the past year.)**
- 3. Analysis of “how we get there from here”, an effort to outline steps needed to achieve 100% clean energy for City of Newton’s municipal sector.**
- 4. Recent results across our fleet of solar panels -- the massive Rumford array is up and running. Recent production data – do they match expectations? Also Issues with neighbors, costs related to fence.**
- 5. Update on Eversource’s proposal affecting rooftop solar installations and its potential impacts on solar projects. Newton has joined other communities in protesting the proposal.**