

Newton Citizens Commission on Energy
November 29, 2017 Agenda
City of Newton

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**The November 2017 meeting of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy will be held:
Wednesday evening, November 29th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Newton City Hall Cafeteria**

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

(Review of October 2017 minutes)

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New Business To be discussed

1. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)

a) Welcome to representatives of Peregrine Energy Group of Boston, MA. Peregrine is the Community Choice Aggregation consultant contracted by the City of Newton to conduct outreach and provide critical advice to the City of Newton on the timing and details of the electricity contract to be sought under a CCA program

b) Michael Gevelber and Halina Brown presentation of the "Willingness to Pay" green CCA survey. (Reminder: Green Newton CCA panel discussion Monday Nov 27 at the Library.)

c) Peregrine representatives discussion, including topics such as role of Willingness to Pay surveys in shaping details of a "green" CCA. How Peregrine experience advising sixteen cities and towns on CCA informs their current view of Newton, the role of DPU in the process, etc.

2. Update on Rumford Solar and related projects, including the addition of a high fence to address neighbors' concerns that solar panels, racks, ballasts, etc., are unsightly.

3. PV Net Metering Issues. Update on Eversource's proposals affecting large solar PV arrays and potential impacts on Newton's existing solar projects. For some of the largest projects recently erected on Newton property, the proposal would drop the net-metering price from 24 to 13 cents per kWh, a loss of revenue for projects financed under the existing rate structure. With Newton's leadership, other municipalities hosting large solar arrays have formed a consortium of sorts, to protest the change before the DPU. DOER, Northeast Clean Energy Council, UMASS, the Attorney General's office, the Mass Energy Council and a number of State Senators and Reps have all supported the municipalities' challenge to the proposed rate change. A decision is expected in late December.