

# Welcome Packet

## For Incoming Coalition Members

*For Communities, By Communities*



# COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



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## MISSION & VALUES

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### Mission

*Our mission is to foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals.*

The Coalition creates value for our Community Power member municipalities by jointly contracting for services, developing projects and programs together, educating and engaging the public, and advocating for communities and customers at the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission.

### Values

In carrying out its activities, the Coalition is guided by the following values:

- ⚡ Embody an **inspiring vision** for **New Hampshire's energy future**.
- ⚡ Support communities to **reduce energy costs** and pursue economic vitality by harnessing the power of **competitive markets** and **innovation**.
- ⚡ Support communities to implement successful energy and climate policies and to **promote the transition to a carbon neutral energy system**.
- ⚡ **Balance the interests of member communities** who are diverse in demographics, geography and their energy goals.
- ⚡ Use our shared expertise, leadership and skills to **educate, empower and build the capacities** of our members.
- ⚡ Help communities **demystify the power sector** to **make informed decisions**.
- ⚡ Facilitate **collaboration and teamwork** by **championing diversity, equity and inclusion** of people and communities of all kinds.



## ABOUT THE COALITION

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The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH or Coalition) is an all-requirements Joint Powers Agency incorporated as a government instrumentality and non-profit on October 1st, 2021, to provide for the launch and operation of Community Power Aggregations (CPAs) on behalf of participating Members.

The Coalition is governed “by communities, for communities,” empowering towns, cities and counties across New Hampshire to:

- ✦ Streamline the process for authorizing a Community Power program locally.
- ✦ Share services and staff support across member cities, towns and counties.
- ✦ Participate in joint power solicitations and local project development opportunities.
- ✦ Share knowledge and collaborate regionally on clean energy and resilient infrastructure development.
- ✦ Speak with one voice at the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission on public advocacy issues related to energy and Community Power.

Coalition Membership is open to all New Hampshire cities, towns, counties and regionally operated Community Power Aggregations.

There are no upfront costs to join the Coalition. The expense of launching and operating each Member’s Community Power program will be repaid after program launch — through the electricity rates set by each Member’s governing body (town select boards, city councils and county executive committees) and the revenues received from participating customers in each program.

As of April 21, 2023, the Coalition is made up of thirty-three municipal members and one county member.

### Member Service Territory

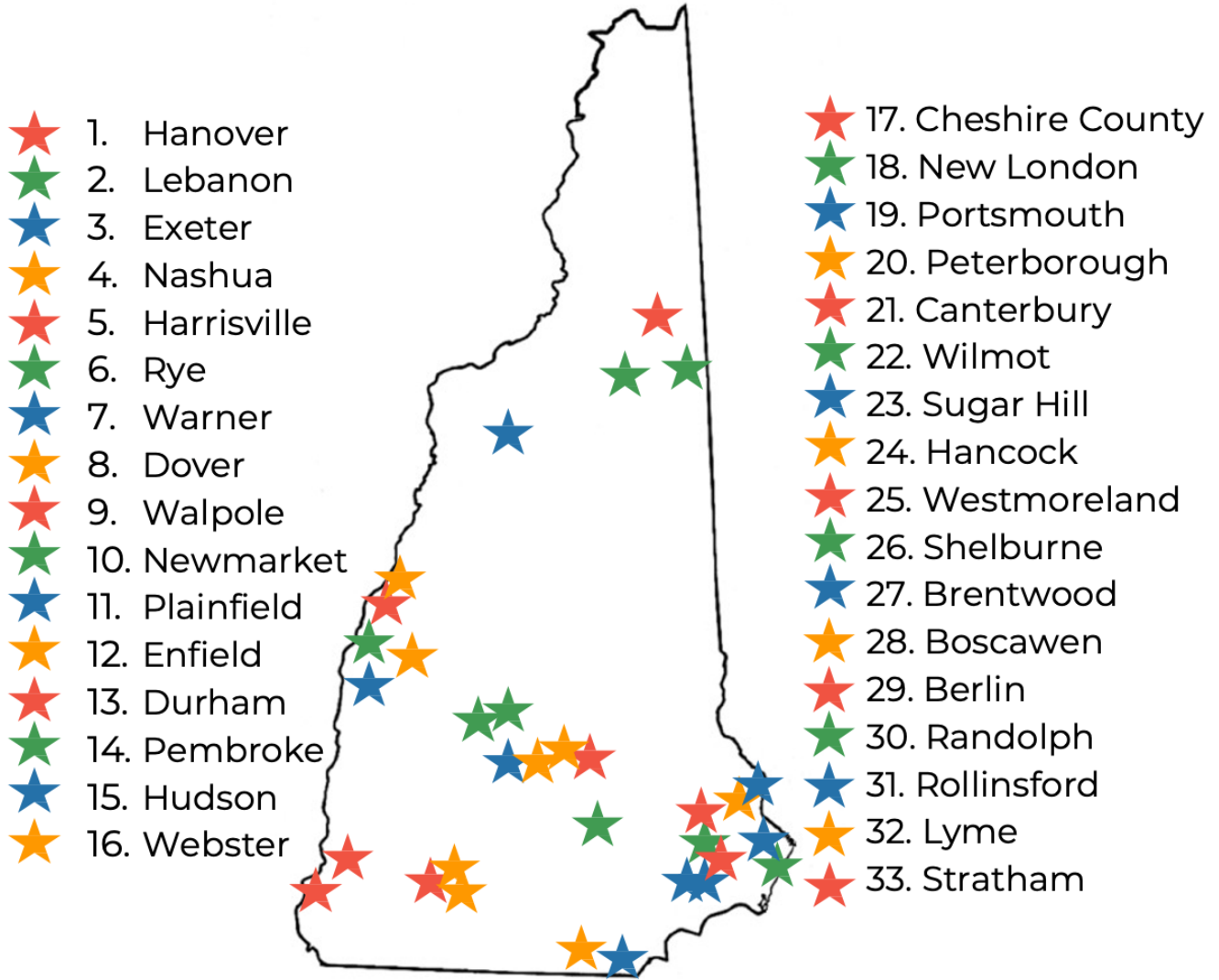
CPCNH’s current members represent more than 23% of New Hampshire’s population. Twelve members are launching CPA service in 2023. Many more intend to launch within the next year or two. At full enrollment, CPCNH will serve ~125,000 customer accounts and provide ~1,00,000 MWh of electricity.

Over 30 additional local governments have expressed interest in joining the Coalition, which would increase representation to ~50% of New Hampshire’s population. CPCNH subsequently expects relatively robust member recruitment, and the launch of dozens of new CPA programs in next two to three years.

CPCNH is positioned to become the largest default supplier of electricity in New Hampshire.



## Member Map



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CPCNH is governed by a Board of Directors and six committees of the Board, and led by an Officer team (elected officials, staff, and volunteers) elected from among our member representatives. The Board and executive team bring great breadth and depth of experience to the organization with professional backgrounds that support the Coalition's mission.



CPCNH Board of Directors, Elected 4/21/23		
Member	Director	Term expires
Walpole	Paul Looney	2024
Hanover	April Salas	2024
Durham	Steve Holmgren	2024
Enfield	Kim Quirk	2024
Exeter	Nicholas Devonshire	2024
Peterborough	Bruce Tucker	2024
Webster	David Hemenway	2025
Portsmouth	Kevin Charette	2025
New London	Jamie Hess	2025
Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	2025
Newmarket	Joseph Lamattina	2025
Warner	Clyde Carson	2025
Cheshire County	Terry Clark	2025
Pembroke	Matt Miller	2026
Harrisville	Andrea Hodson	2026
Randolph	Kathleen Kelly	2026
Dover	Jackson Kaspari	2026
Lebanon	Clifton Below	2026
Nashua	Doria Brown	2026
Rye	Lisa Sweet	2026

## Organizational Capacity

Brian Callnan joined CPCNH as our first Chief Executive Officer in May of 2023. Mr. Callnan has a career leading power supply and project and program development for public power agencies. Most recently, Mr. Callnan served as Vice President of Power Resources & Access at NH Electric Co-op, where he managed a portfolio of wholesale contracts to achieve lower rates for customers compared to NH’s investor-owned utilities. Mr. Callnan also led the Coop’s roll-out of “virtual power plants” harnessing distributed batteries and electric vehicles, along with “transactive energy rates” for customers to lower power costs.

CPCNH is supported by outside General Counsel and two professional consultants, and a team of professional service providers including:

- ⚡ **Ascend Analytics:** Energy Hedging, Planning and Portfolio Risk Management
- ⚡ **Calpine Energy Solutions:** ISO-NE Market Participant & Retail Customer Service
- ⚡ **River City Bank:** Revenue Controls and Accounting Services
- ⚡ **Clean Energy NH:** Public Engagement Support



## Officers and Leadership



Clifton Below, Chair  
**City of Lebanon**  
*Assistant Mayor & City Councilor*

Kevin Charette, Vice Chair  
**City of Portsmouth**  
*Energy Advisory Committee*



Kim Quirk, Treasurer  
**Town of Enfield**  
*Energy Committee*

Evan Oxenham, Secretary  
**Town of Plainfield**  
*Energy Committee*



Lisa Sweet  
**Town of Rye**  
*Chair, Member Outreach and  
Engagement Committee*

Kathleen Kelley  
**Town of Randolph**  
*Androscoggin Valley Energy Collaborative*



Matt Miller  
**Town of Pembroke**  
*Chair, Risk Management Committee*





Clyde Carson  
**Town of Warner**  
*Chair, Finance Committee*



Andrea Hodson  
**Town of Harrisville**  
*Chair, Governance Committee*

## COMMITTEES

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Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire's Board of Directors and Committees are comprised of municipal staff, officials and volunteer community leaders appointed by our Member cities, towns and counties. New Board Directors and Alternates are encouraged to join and participate in at least one Committee.

### Audit Committee

Responsible for overseeing the quality and integrity of the Corporation's accounting, auditing and reporting practices, shall cause an independent financial report of the accounts and records of the Corporation to be made by a certified public accountant each fiscal year, which shall be provided to Directors and to Members.

- ✓ Kathleen Kelley, Director (Committee Chair)
- ✓ Henry Noel, Member Rep
- ✓ Robin Rainie-Lobacz, Member Rep
- ✓ Peter Kulbacki, Member Rep
- ✓ Andrea Hodson, Director
- ✓ Kevin Charette, Vice Chair

### Executive Committee

Authorized to act on behalf of the Board on most matters in instances where decisions cannot wait until the next meeting of the Board.

- ✓ Chair Clifton Below
- ✓ Vice Chair Kevin Charette
- ✓ Treasurer Kimberley Smith Quirk
- ✓ Secretary Evan Oxenham
- ✓ Director Lisa Sweet





## Finance Committee

Responsible for advising the Treasurer and the Board as to the investments, budget, and general fiscal policy of the Coalition.

- ✓ Clyde Carson, Director (Committee Chair)
- ✓ Kimberley Quirk, Treasurer
- ✓ Clifton Below, Board Chair
- ✓ April Salas, Director
- ✓ Paul Looney, Director
- ✓ Terry Clark, Director
- ✓ Andrea Hodson, Director
- ✓ Kathleen Kelley, Director
- ✓ Henry Noel, Member Representative

## Governance Committee

Responsible for assisting the Members in recruitment of Board Directors; determining eligibility of nominees for consideration of Directorship; monitoring the effective functioning of the Board and committees; conducting regular Board orientations and evaluations; periodically reviewing and recommending amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement; and advising the Board and Members, through the Annual Meeting, on governance issues.

- ✓ Andrea Hodson, Director (Committee Chair)
- ✓ Andrew Maneval, Member Representative
- ✓ Terry Clark, Director
- ✓ April Salas, Director
- ✓ Mark Terry, Member Representative
- ✓ Joseph Lamattina, Director

## Member Outreach and Engagement Committee

Responsible for supporting and facilitating Member engagement, education, and collaboration across the Membership, present and future, and providing a forum for the Members to interact with one another and with the organization.

- ✓ Lisa Sweet, Director (Committee Chair)
- ✓ Joseph Lamattina, Director
- ✓ Craig Putnam, Member Representative
- ✓ Jamie Hess, Director



- ⚡ Jackie Wengenroth, Member Representative
- ⚡ Jo-Ellen Courtney, Member Representative
- ⚡ Steve Holmgren, Director
- ⚡ Howard Kalet, Member Representative
- ⚡ Bruce Tucker, Director

## Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee

Responsible for monitoring and advising the Coalition and its Members regarding regulatory and legislative engagement, and also for appointing representatives of the Corporation to serve on statutory commissions, study commissions, and other boards and commissions created by the state legislature.

- ⚡ Bill Baber, Member Rep (Committee Chair)
- ⚡ Howard Kalet, Member Representative
- ⚡ Julie Gilman, Member Representative
- ⚡ Clifton Below, Board Chair
- ⚡ Evan Oxenham, Secretary
- ⚡ Clyde Carson, Director
- ⚡ David Hemenway, Director
- ⚡ Edward Cherian, Member Representative
- ⚡ Henry Noel, Member Representative

## Risk Management Committee

Responsible for (1) understanding and advising upon enterprise risk factors and mitigating strategies and (2) overseeing our competitive solicitation for services and credit support to launch and operate Community Power programs for members.

- ⚡ Matthew Miller, Director (Committee Chair)
- ⚡ Clifton Below, Board Chair
- ⚡ Kevin Charette, Vice Chair
- ⚡ Kimberley Quirk, Treasurer
- ⚡ Michael Prange, Member Representative
- ⚡ Nick Devonshire, Director
- ⚡ Jackson Kaspari, Director
- ⚡ Peter Kulbacki, Member Representative
- ⚡ Joseph Lamattina, Member Representative



## Key Documents and Policies

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### **Joint Powers Agreement (as of 4/21/23)**

[https://www.cpcnh.org/\\_files/ugd/202f2e\\_fcddc4d7e9194e3aada317053becfa38.pdf](https://www.cpcnh.org/_files/ugd/202f2e_fcddc4d7e9194e3aada317053becfa38.pdf)

### **Cost Sharing Agreement and Member Services Contract**

[https://www.cpcnh.org/\\_files/ugd/202f2e\\_c0a8891755954c92a7dc60443b643710.pdf](https://www.cpcnh.org/_files/ugd/202f2e_c0a8891755954c92a7dc60443b643710.pdf)

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

[https://www.cpcnh.org/\\_files/ugd/202f2e\\_4ee208b4e2b14e29bfe3fbbae9d28a12.pdf](https://www.cpcnh.org/_files/ugd/202f2e_4ee208b4e2b14e29bfe3fbbae9d28a12.pdf)

### **Energy Portfolio Risk Management, Retail Rates, and Financial Reserves Policies**

[https://www.cpcnh.org/\\_files/ugd/202f2e\\_92ca1a869c1c4a158d029911a584e9f5.pdf](https://www.cpcnh.org/_files/ugd/202f2e_92ca1a869c1c4a158d029911a584e9f5.pdf)

### **Data Security and Privacy Policy**

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### **2023 Budget, Board Approved on 4/21/23**

[https://www.cpcnh.org/\\_files/ugd/202f2e\\_1e587338cadb46a4aec00213d3f83439.pdf](https://www.cpcnh.org/_files/ugd/202f2e_1e587338cadb46a4aec00213d3f83439.pdf)

### **RSA 53-E Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities**

<https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-III-53-E.htm>

### **Public Utilities Commission 2200 Municipal and County Aggregation Rules**

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Rules/PUC2200.pdf>

Other CPCNH Key Documents are available at [www.cpcnh.org/about](http://www.cpcnh.org/about).

## Resources and Calendar

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Reach out to Lisa Sweet, Chair of Member Outreach and Engagement Committee ([memberops@cpcnh.org](mailto:memberops@cpcnh.org)) Consultant Henry Herndon ([henry@cpcnh.org](mailto:henry@cpcnh.org)), with questions or for assistance in accessing resources.

Meetings of the Coalition's Board and Committees are publicly noticed at [www.cpcnh.org/calendar](http://www.cpcnh.org/calendar).

Explore [www.cpcnh.org](http://www.cpcnh.org) and [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov).