

COMMUNITY POWER SUMMIT

“By Communities, For Communities”

Friday, June 5th, 2020

1 PM to 4 PM

Dear Community Leaders of New Hampshire,

Thank you for accepting this invitation to join your fellow community leaders, and town, city, and county staff and officials for this three hour online interactive workshop on Community Power.

The Community Power Law ([RSA 53-E](#)) enables local governments (cities, towns, and counties) to become the default electricity providers for their residents and businesses – to offer innovative customer services and local programs, to competitively procure electricity supply, and to work with regulators, utilities, and businesses to modernize our electricity system. Community Power Aggregations (CPAs) represent an enormous opportunity for our communities and our state as a whole, and it is you, our state’s local and community leaders, that are now equipped with the authority and the tools to lead the evolution of our electricity system.

In this workshop, we will come together to learn about Community Power and efforts to establish Community Power New Hampshire (CPNH), a locally governed public power nonprofit to provide enabling services to participating CPAs. We look forward to collaborating with you in leading the development of New Hampshire’s Community Power marketplace.

Sincerely,

CPNH Organizing Group

www.communitypowernh.org

COMMUNITY POWER SUMMIT SCHEDULE

12:45 PM — 1:00 PM: *log-in early for assistance using the online platform (optional)*

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM: *Welcome | Breakout Group Introductions | Context*

1:40 PM – 2:10 PM: *Keynote by Girish Balachandran, CEO of Silicon Valley Clean Energy | Q/A*

2:10 PM – 3:40 PM: *CPNH Joint-Action: Panel Discussion & Breakout Groups | Report Back*

3:40 PM – 4:00 PM: *Road Map to Community Power and CPNH Launch | Adjourn*

COMMUNITY POWER SUMMIT PURPOSE

1. Build understanding of Community Power and CPNH Joint Action
2. Foster peer-to-peer engagement and relationship building
3. Hear new insights and concerns to inform the organizational design of CPNH
4. Assess which resources should be prioritized and developed to enable Community Power implementation for participating communities

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING GUIDELINES & TIPS

- You can control whether you see all the participants or just the speaker by going to the top right corner of your Zoom screen and toggling between Gallery View and Speaker View.
- **Please mute your microphone when you are not speaking.** You can find the microphone by hovering over the bottom of the screen with your cursor. The microphone will be on the far-left side. Click on the microphone icon and it will toggle between Mute and Unmute.
- **If you want to speak or ask a question, please type an asterisk (*) into the Chat box.** We will use these asterisks to create a “stack” of participants who would like to speak. We will call on participants in the order that they sent an asterisk.
- You can **find the Chat by hovering over the bottom of the Zoom screen** and looking for the Chat icon. Click on the icon and a Chat area will appear on the right side of your Zoom screen. To send an asterisk to the Chat, go to the bottom of the Chat area (where it says “To: Everyone”), type an asterisk (*) and hit Return.

COMMUNITY POWER SUMMIT AGENDA

Welcome | Breakout Group Introductions | Context

1 PM – 1:40 PM

The Summit will begin with a short summary of “*How to Use Zoom*” and “*Guidelines for Participating in Virtual Meetings*.”

We will then set the stage with an overview of the Summit Agenda & Purpose, along with a review of the opportunities Community Power presents to democratize energy governance, lower energy costs, spur decarbonization and local renewable energy development, and harness market competition to drive innovation in electricity markets.

Afterwards, all participants will be divided into random breakout groups of five and be asked to:

1. Briefly introduce themselves;
2. Share a 60-second story of one energy project their community is proud to have implemented (or looks forward to implementing).

We will then regroup before transitioning to our keynote speaker.

Keynote by Girish Balachandran, CEO of Silicon Valley Clean Energy | Q&A

1:40 PM – 2:10 PM



Girish Balachandran
Chief Executive Officer



Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) is redefining the local electricity market in Santa Clara County, California, by providing its residents and businesses with new renewable and carbon-free clean energy choices at competitive rates. For the thirteen communities that govern SVCE, the community-owned agency serves as the official electricity provider — on a mission to reduce dependence of fossil fuels by providing carbon-free, affordable and reliable electricity and innovative programs at-scale across all communities.

As the Chief Executive Officer, Girish Balachandran develops and implements strategies to empower the Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) team and community to achieve its ambitious decarbonization goals. Girish leads the passionate employees of SVCE as they creatively solve challenges in the electric supply, built environment and transportation sectors. Girish has more than 29 years of experience in California utilities, including serving as the General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) and Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) and previously working for the City of Palo Alto Utilities.

- *Participants who have questions are invited to type their questions, or to type an asterisk (“*”) into the Zoom Chat during the presentation.*
- *After the Keynote, participants who have indicated they have a question for the speaker by typing an asterisk (“*”) into the Zoom Chat will be called upon to ask their question.*
- *We will follow-up to answer any questions left unaddressed (due to time constraints).*

CPNH Joint Action: Panel & Breakout Group Discussions | Report Out

2:10 PM – 3:40 PM

CPNH JOINT ACTION PANEL DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

The communities of Hanover, Lebanon, Nashua, and Cheshire County are leading an effort to establish CPNH as a new, locally governed public power nonprofit to provide enabling services to Community Power Aggregations through a voluntary and flexible membership structure.

Representatives from these communities will provide an update on the status of CPNH development in a panel discussion format.

Joint Action Panelists



Julia Griffin is the Town Manager of Hanover, a position she has held since 1996. Prior to that, she was City Manager for the City of Concord. As Hanover staff for the Sustainable Hanover Committee, she spends considerable time working on sustainability and renewable energy programs for the Town and its residents.

Clifton Below is serving his 3rd term on the Lebanon City Council where he serves as Assistant Mayor and Chair of the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee (which acts as the Lebanon Electric Aggregation Committee pursuant to RSA 53-E:6). He served as a Public Utilities Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire (2005-2012) and in the state legislature as a Representative and Senator (1992-2004) where he always served on the energy committees.



Mr. Below is the primary author of SB286 (the Community Power Law) and co-authored RSA 374-F (the “*Electric Utility Restructuring Act*”).



Rod Bouchard is Assistant County Administrator for Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives for Cheshire County. He serves as senior manager for operational issues with Cheshire County. Mr. Bouchard has over 40 years of experience in information technologies with firms such as AT&T’s Advanced IP division, Intel On-line Services, The Hartford Insurance Group, and Computer Systems Research of Avon, CT (where he was a principal partner).

Doria Brown is the Energy Manager for the City of Nashua, where she works on energy efficiency projects, greenhouse gas accounting, and energy procurement.

Prior to her work with the City of Nashua, Ms. Brown was the Sustainability Specialist at Worthen Industries, where she helped to implement the manufacturing company’s sustainability programs.



Ms. Brown graduated from Franklin Pierce University with a BS in Environmental Science (concentrating in Hydrology and Chemistry), enjoys working in the industry and thinks that “*It’s an amazing time to be in Energy in New Hampshire!*”

JOINT ACTION BREAKOUT GROUPS (45 minutes)

Following the Panel Discussion, attendees will be divided into twelve separate Breakout Groups:

- Each breakout group will have approximately 6-8 participants.
- The Facilitator will open the breakout group by reading aloud the purpose of the breakout group:

“To facilitate engagement and discussion among participants, and to collect comments, questions, and feedback. Not all questions will be answered during the breakout session, but questions will be recorded and collected for follow up after the Summit.”

The facilitator will be responsible for ensuring each participant has opportunity to contribute to each discussion question (including themselves), and for keeping the group on-track and on-time.

- Each Breakout Group will include a “CPNH Affiliate and Note-Taker” (who has been involved with the organizing of CPNH). This person will answer questions about CPNH (to the best of their ability at this early stage) and will take notes.

Discussion Questions for Participants

1. What is your name, affiliation, and in one sentence, one thing you would like your community to achieve through Community Power? (5 minutes)
2. What unanswered questions or concerns do you have about Community Power or about CPNH? (10 minutes)

(We will follow-up to address any unanswered questions, which will also inform CPNH’s next steps.)

3. Is your community interested in participating in CPNH? (25 minutes)
 - a. What’s your understanding of how the organization would function in practice?
 - b. What level of participation would your community expect to contribute to CPNH’s governance, oversight of staff & operations, legislative affairs, other committees, etc.?
 - c. What resources should CPNH committees prioritize developing and sharing to enable participating member communities to implement Community Power?
 - d. What’s the best way for communities to collaborate prior to the formal launch of CPNH?
4. Facilitator invites each Breakout Group Member to share any closing thoughts? (5 minutes)

Roadmap to Community Power & CPNH Launch | Adjourn

3:40 PM – 4 PM

Following the Breakout Groups, CPNH affiliates will share one key takeaway from the discussions with collective group.

We will conclude the Summit with a roadmap from today through the launch of CPNH and the first-mover Community Power Aggregations, next steps, and closing remarks.

Post-Summit, attendees will receive:

1. Additional follow-up materials;
2. Responses to any questions left unaddressed (due to time constraints).