



**LANCASTER ENERGY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**of Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:22 P.M. via ZOOM™.

Present were Committee Members: Rebecca Young-Jones, John Bowman, John Mazeika

**Also Present:**

Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator  
Mark Cappadona Colonial Power Group  
Denise Allard Colonial Power Group  
Stuart Ormsbee, Colonial Power Group

**II. Agenda Business**

1. **Municipal Aggregation** (taken out of order)

Colonial Power Group gave an update on the indicative pricing received. The market has significantly increased over the last few months. In reviewing the pricing from multiple suppliers, the lowest price options were at 36 months but would remain high and would not give the Town the opportunity to re-bid should the market drops.

The committee reviewed the 6-month pricing, which was very high and would be above the National Grid Basic Service rate. The 12-month pricing was below the National Grid rate even though its much higher than current pricing. It was preferred since it allows the Town to revisit the market sooner should pricing conditions become more favorable.

The committee is supporting the need to increase additional “green energy” benefits to the power supply providing that the pricing would not be too burdensome to ratepayers.

The committee briefly discussed the possibility of moving all residents back to National Grid and suspending the aggregation.

Both Colonial Power Group and Mr. Pacheco explained that the Town would need to re-file the aggregation plan with the Department of Public Utilities (MA-DPU) and that could take

years. The timing was not favorable for this action as National Grid procured power in 6-month blocks leading to more consistent price changes.

Colonial Power Group stated they will have an Energy Service Agreement (ESA) ready for execution on Thursday afternoon and will be to be executed by the end of the day to lock in the pricing.

*Motion was made to authorize the Town Administrator to execute a 12-month contract with the lowest price supplier with a minimum of 49% renewable makeup, with the condition that if there was room to add an additional 5% without going over basic service it should be executed*

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## 2. Committee Organization

The Committee agreed to rotate the Chairperson on an Annual basis. *Ms. Jones nominated John Bowman as Chair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mazeika.*  
(3-0)

## 3. META Grant/Weatherization

The Committee has requested the Mr. Pacheco provide the committee some of the following information to prepare for future meetings

- 1) Copies of previous energy audits
- 2) Energy projects completed via grants or other resources
- 3) Copies of the META Grant study
- 4) Copies of the most recent and pending green communities annual report

Mr. Bowman will reach out to committee members with regards to scheduling another meeting in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.