

## Rindge Community Power Committee Report

While the Committee met and explored our own understanding of the New Hampshire power distribution system and the possibilities of changing under the recent Community Power Act, we have failed to invite and question those in neighboring towns who have taken this action as to their reasoning and experience. That would have created a better understanding of the potential for action.

The actions of some of those towns over the past two years appears to have saved their residents significant expense in the purchase of residential electricity. It also appears there is no cost to the town nor do we have to put in a lot of effort to make this available. Several structures exist to easily join and operate within.

The Committee has verified that individual power users in Rindge have the ability to opt out of Eversource and into an alternate supplier, but in doing so they have to devote continuing attention to make sure that they continue to gain their intended benefit by doing so. We also think it would require every ratepayer to manually change their power supplier to see savings, an action that this committee has agreed unanimously can be difficult to navigate.

Analysis of the recent historical electric consumption in the town of Rindge, as provided directly from Eversource, shows that on average every penny of the electric supply rate corresponds to \$92,649 over a 6 month period, 85% of which is residential accounts. This means **for every 1¢ in reduced default rate, nearly \$80,000 is not paid out of residents' bank accounts**. As an example, the current CPCNH basic rate is 8.9¢ compared to the 10.4¢ default rate from Eversource. This translates to an expected \$120,000 of savings for residential ratepayers in Rindge over the next 6 months. In order to realize this savings today, all 2,400+ ratepayers would all have to take action and opt-out of the Eversource default and into a reduced rate plan. These committee members believe it is most effective and impactful for the Board of Selectmen to manage this default rate on behalf of the ratepayers in the town to maximize savings with minimal collective effort.

Expected Total Ratepayer Savings per 1¢ in Rate			
	All	Res Only	Res %
Per Yr	\$185,299.37	\$158,702.57	85.65%
Per 6Mo	\$92,649.68	\$79,351.29	85.65%

\*Analysis data was presented in the committee and is available upon request.

These four committee members believe the Board of Selectmen should move to offer a warrant article which would allow Rindge to adopt a Community Power program and perhaps to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. At least one public information session should be sponsored to allow a presentation by the Cheshire County organization and by the Community Power Coalition about the details and historic benefits of such a move.

This report submitted by: Dan Bissex, Tina Sbrega, Jim Burger and Dwight Schenk, all members of the Committee.