

# Warner Electricity Ratepayers SURVEY



Drop off in Town Hall lobby, or  
Mail survey to:

Selectboard, Warner Town Hall, P.O. Box 265, Warner NH 03278

For online version: <https://warner.nh.us/compwr>

More Info on Reverse



Warner Community Power is a Town Committee formed by the Selectboard. The committee is creating a **proposal for 2023 to pool rate-payer accounts into a large group to buy electricity at lower rates.** The plan would offer several mixes of renewable vs. fossil fuel energy. The lowest rate would be lower than or equal to the Eversource default rate.

If the plan is approved at Town Meeting 2023, Warner Community Power would become the default electricity supplier shown on your Eversource bill. (You could Opt-Out at any time, no penalty.)

Email for more information: [power@warnerNH.gov](mailto:power@warnerNH.gov)

**Thank you for completing this Survey! All responses are anonymous.**

1) Are you a Warner Ratepayer?  Yes  No

Check all that apply:  House  Apartment  Business  Organization/Non-Profit

2) Rank the following issues on their importance to you (5= Most Important):

Lower Electricity Rates:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Maximum possible use of renewable energy:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Reducing your home energy usage:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Increasing our use of renewable energy vs fossil fuel:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Local control over unpredictable rate increases:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Purchasing energy produced in New Hampshire:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
New energy use plans (such as time of day rates):	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

3) Who is your electricity supplier?  Eversource Default Supplier  Competitive 3rd Party  Don't know

4) Would you pay slightly higher rates to access a higher amount of renewable electricity?  Yes  No

5) Does your home, business or apartment building have solar panels?  Yes  No  Don't know

6) Do you plan to install solar panels in the next few years?

Yes  No  Only if the cost comes down  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7) What is your average monthly household electric bill?

Less than \$75  \$75-\$150  \$150-\$250  More than \$250

8) Please add any comments or questions: \_\_\_\_\_

**We need your input! Email us at:** [power@warnerNH.gov](mailto:power@warnerNH.gov)



## What is Warner Community Power?

Electricity users in NH towns and cities can pool their accounts into a single large group to buy electricity. Like big businesses and corporations, Warner residents would get access to better rates and a wide choice of sources, including 100% renewable power.

The Warner Community Power Committee (WCP) was appointed last year by the Selectboard to put together a plan for this program. With your input and ideas, the plan should be ready for a vote at Town Meeting in 2023.



**In Warner we can get our choice of energy producers and better rates when we buy electricity as a community-wide group!**

For more info:

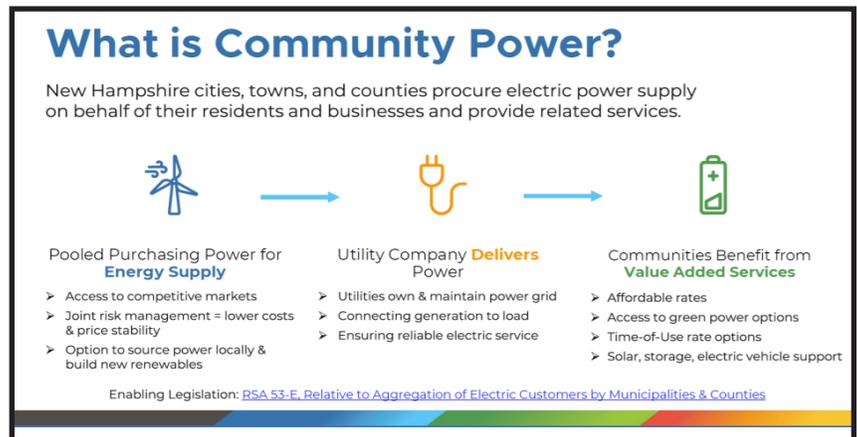
<https://warner.nh.us/departments/compwr/>

## Get Control over Rates and Sources of Power

NH RSA 53-E lets communities pool individual electric accounts into a single large group to negotiate long-term rate contracts. You would have the choice of several options for rates and sources (including 100% renewable) because Warner would buy power directly from producers. Eversource would continue to maintain its wires and poles, but your Eversource bill would show your WCP option rather than the default Eversource electricity supplier.

This fall Warner joined a Coalition of nearly 20 other NH towns and cities which are creating Community Power plans. Harrisville, Hanover and Lebanon have recently adopted their plans, and other towns will introduce their plans in 2022 and 2023. Across the U.S. more than 100 towns and cities use community power aggregation plans.

As a voting member of the Coalition (Community Power Coalition of NH), Warner would take advantage of the administrative and technical support provided to members. Warner could also join other towns and cities in the Coalition to create an even larger group-buy pool. Like large corporations, the larger our group, the better the deals we can get for rates and for choices of how our electricity is produced.



## No Cost to Taxpayers & Opt-out Anytime

This Community Power plan would not affect the town's budget or raise taxes. All the costs would be covered in the electric rates you pay in your bill from Eversource.

If Warner votes to accept and implement the plan in 2023-2024, almost all residential and business Eversource accounts would automatically be included by default. Customers who as individuals had previously chosen their own energy supplier could 'opt-in' to the plan. Those who wanted to stay with the supplier offered by Eversource, or to choose their own supplier, could simply 'opt-out' of the Warner Community Power Plan at any time. There would be no penalty or fee for 'opting-out'.

## Long-term Goals: More Renewable Energy & Control over Rates

In the coming years we expect more volatility in electric rates as fossil fuel costs rise and renewable energy (hydro, solar, and wind) become more competitive. More towns and cities across New England will probably be adopting community power plans, encouraging more producers of renewable energy to enter the market. And the leverage of long-term group-buy contracts would ensure that Warner residents get lower costs and stable rates year after year.