

Special Town Meeting
November 28, 2022

Article 5
Aggregation of Electricity

The purpose of this article would be to authorize the Town Manager to initiate the process to research, develop, and participate in a contract or contracts for the aggregation of electrical supply.

If the Town authorizes an aggregation program, the Town would contract with an electricity supplier on behalf of the residents and businesses in the Town.

The electricity supply aggregation is a multi-step process that begins with the development of a plan in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The plan will be made available to the public through a posting and hearing process. After public comment, the Town Manager would submit the plan to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for approval. The DPU holds its own public hearings and comment on the plan once it determines that the plan complies with state regulations. Once an aggregate electrical supply program is implemented, residents and businesses are enrolled by default, however, they may opt out at any time.

To go forward with an aggregate electrical supply program, the Town anticipates engaging a consultant to assist the Town Manager in researching and developing the plan. This would include but not limited to identifying supply options, drafting the plan to be submitted to the DPU, managing the implementation and operation of the program, tracking energy rates, managing the opt in/opt out system and providing materials to help explain the program.