
Town of Seabrook

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Town Manager

CC: Kelly O'Connor

Energy Issues

April 11, 2024

With the recent Planning Board discussion on energy I wanted to report to the Board on three items.

1. A discussion of municipal aggregation. I have had a discussion on community aggregation and have attached a short presentation on it from one company. Since New Hampshire changed to an "opt-out" system the interest from electricity providers has increased markedly. There is a lot of discussion needed on this potential as there are risks as well as rewards. Hampton just adopted this program, and our rate for Town buildings is less than the Hampton aggregation price.
2. Street Lights. Street Lights were part of the ESCO program placed on the ballot several years ago. There is great potential for savings here. I have authorized Affinity to access our street light data in order to facilitate a proposal from them to the Board of Selectmen on converting all of our street lighting to LED. Under this proposal Seabrook would own the street lights. I anticipate having a proposal to the Board from them soon.

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3. A energy audit of all Town buildings. Affinity has offered a no cost energy audit that would make specific recommendations on energy saving improvements. This was also done with the ESCO proposal. The proposal produced should pay for capital improvement recommendations in the proposal with the energy savings.

We certainly can and will look at other companies but we should have solid proposals on all three fronts relatively quickly.