

Resolution to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Municipal Electric Aggregation, also known as Community Choice Energy, to Improve Energy Efficiency and Develop Local Renewable Energy Generation

Whereas the Fall 1998 Pelham Town Meeting, pursuant to MGL Chapter 164 Section 134, voted to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other towns, and;

Whereas the town of Pelham has been invited by the City of Northampton to explore forming a joint Community Choice Energy organization initially comprising Northampton, Amherst, and Pelham, and;

Whereas residents of the Town of Pelham have a substantial environmental and social interest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity, and;

Whereas residential electricity customers in the Town of Pelham are interested in the possibility of reducing and stabilizing electric bills and in expanding energy services;

Be it therefore resolved, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, that the Town Meeting of Pelham authorizes the Board of Selectmen to act in partnership with other municipalities to form an inter-municipal task force to develop a plan to be approved by the Board of Selectmen for an inter-municipal Community Choice Energy organization that will:

- Contract for and develop electric supply and other related services for Pelham electricity consumers. Individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose an alternate service.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive energy plan to:
 - Provide energy efficiency services
 - Develop local renewable and other distributed energy resources
 - Deliver other energy services
 - Reduce or stabilize customer electric bills

Be it further resolved that a primary Community Choice Energy organization objective will be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the purchase of electricity from green renewable sources, provision of energy efficiency services and the development of local renewable distributed energy resources.