

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:55 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber, and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Dan Healey; Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 15 Members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire.

Mayor James W. Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton were also in attendance.

- Oath of Office of Vice-President Ben Clemons

President Wilshire recognized Corporation Counsel to administer the Oath of Office to Vice-President Ben Clemons.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

President Wilshire

So Mayor did you wish to address the Board this evening?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Madam President. Well first I want to welcome all of our new members to the first meeting of the, what is this the 113th city government. I think you will find this a very interesting and rewarding experience. I remember when I began as an Alderman at a couple different times, it's just very interesting to begin to learn so much about city government. So, welcome to everyone.

On the agenda tonight Madam President, you have and you will see a presentation by Doria Brown, Energy Manager, regarding the new rates that are going to go into effect for Community Power come February 1. Now you're gonna hear that the rates are gonna be considerably higher for Community Power than for Eversource. Contrary to what happened over a number rating periods where Community Power had lower rates and saved Nashua consumers I think \$6 million dollars is I think a correct figure but multi-millions, now the rates proposed by Community Power will be higher. The basic reason is that Community Power believes that they need to accumulate capital in order to avoid borrowing money to cover the cash flow gap between the date when they purchased power, and the dates when they bill, and then actually collect from customers, and the borrowing costs are several million dollars a year, and if they can accumulate enough capital, they can avoid that type of expense.

Now there is a very – Doria won't get into all of those details tonight. There's a very detailed analysis that the Community Power team can present because they came to City Hall yesterday and went through it. I'm suggesting that you, the Board of Aldermen, meet specifically to discuss this with them. I'm sure they're willing to come in and go through the slides, and the details, and the numbers with you so you understand fully what the cause of this is and of course, the City has to decide what direction to take regarding this but before doing that I think you need to be fully informed regarding the issues that they are going to raise. Doria will get into at least some of the details tonight.

Madam President, I wanted to return to the issue of Daniel Webster College for a couple of minutes. As you will recall, Senator Rosenwald sponsored a Bill seeking an appropriation of \$20 million dollars from the State Legislature to buy Daniel Webster College. Now this was in direct response to the concerns that had been expressed particularly in the State Legislature regarding the ownership of New Hampshire property by Chinese entities. And specifically, the Legislature, at least the majority, even outlawed the ownership or even the leasing I think of New Hampshire property by Chinese entities. So we thought well, you know, if that's a concern – national security – let's put up some money. We'll buy Daniel Webster College from the Chinese owner which is Xinhua Education Consulting and we'll buy it and we can do something productive. There's a hockey team there but they can occupy part of the site but we can do housing as the master plan calls.

So I went up to the Legislature today and Senator Rosenwald - Cindy Rosenwald and I testified in favor of this Bill before the Senate Finance Committee. Now they, I heard later, on a 4 to 2 party line vote voted to – the Committee at least – to not recommend that it be passed, which was a little bit of a disappointment but of course they have no money and they don't have a lot of money – let's put it that way and so it wasn't a huge surprise, but I was hoping that they might actually be concerned about - that there's concern about the Chinese ownership might if it's real, lead them to be willing to spend some money to satisfy that concern but the Committee was not.

But then I can't help but point out what I saw after the meeting was over. Okay, so they vote not to do it – fine. You know they think they want to spend money on something else. But then a Senator - and this is what our delegation deals with - and Alderwoman Gregg is currently there. We've had Alderman O'Brien there, Alderwoman Klee, I think Alderwoman Johnson was there at one point. This is what they're dealing with. So a Senator Birdsell issues a statement. Now she wasn't even at the hearing. She calls this a taxpayer bail out and she says "Nashua City Hall let foreign adversaries buy up its land and now they want New Hampshire taxpayers to pay it back. Republicans won't stick responsible Granite Staters with the bill." Alright? Well I think people understand to begin with that this was sold by a bankruptcy court under federal law in an auction to this Chinese owner. The City of Nashua had nothing to do with it. Is this real? Does a State Senator that represents the State of New Hampshire really think that Nashua City Hall could block a sale in the private market? That we approve these sales? This idea that Nashua City Hall let foreign adversaries buy up its land? Is she that ignorant or is this just an attempt to fool people about Nashua's role in something like this? In any event, this is so ridiculous that I couldn't help but respond to it. I don't believe she is that ignorant but it's possible.

Finally Madam President on a more lighter note, the Actor Singers this weekend performed at the Performing Arts Center. I went on Sunday. It was a really good show I thought and I thought they did very well with the Performing Arts Center instead of at Keefe. The audience seemed to be – was sizable. I think people really liked the show and I thought it went really well. And with that Madam President, I will conclude.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Klee

Thank you. Just as a side note to the comments by Senator Birdsell, she's the one if I'm not mistaken that put through the legislation that said we would not be selling to any foreign entity and so on. So I think this is kind of covering, potentially covering what she did and the accusations that they had posted towards Nashua. I agree with you, we don't have anything to say on what gets sold especially when the State is the one who kind of was behind that sale. So thank you.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. So a question to the Mayor through you on the sale or on what happened today up at Concord. So a few months ago, congressional candidate - Republican candidate, Lily Tang Williams brought an army in here opposing the Nongfu sale. Did she come up and help testify with us/for us on the Daniel Webster College build or buy?

Mayor Donchess

Of course not.

Alderman Thibeault

Okay, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Now I'd like to add that the Committee didn't say anything like this - the people in the Committee. I mean the Chair of this is Senator Gray from Rochester, I think. I mean they weren't like this. I mean they were polite and that after the meeting was over, I guess they exec'd and they decided not to go forward - or they don't want to go forward. But I just, you know, this thing then came out immediately and it's just like, again, a sitting Senator is suggesting that Nashua could block a private sale. Has she never bought a house or anything? Did she need Hampton's approval to buy her house? I don't think so.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Mayor, I'd like to thank you. I thought that was very good. After spending 16 years up at the House, the saying that is up there - if you live in New Hampshire long enough you'll do time in the House. That's either the House of Corrections or the State House but I'll tell you, elections does not really indicate the quotient of what an IQ test actually is. I lived 16 years of how these people up there in particular look at Nashua.

Keep in mind on this Board - and it is based on whether you're Republican or a Democrat - but every single Keno ticket that is sold in Nashua to communities that don't sell Keno tickets, they go up there with their bucket and the State fills their bucket. It would be nice that every Keno ticket that is sold in the City of Nashua that money comes right back to Nashua. It doesn't. We pay for everybody else. So here's an opportunity for the State of New Hampshire to help out its number one generator in revenue. 75% of the income of the tax - and Mr. Mayor correct me if I'm wrong - but 75% of the income generated to the State of New Hampshire comes from the greater Nashua area. Am I correct Mr. Mayor? We've had this discussion before.

Mayor Donchess

I think it's Hillsborough and Rockingham counties.

Alderman O'Brien

True - to which we're a big part of.

Mayor Donchess

Correct.

Alderman O'Brien

And it's shameful for the way that they treat us. I think people need to pay attention statewide when we have these State elections to really look for and who we are electing up there because there's a lot of things that don't really benefit us. How many years we as a Board had to deal with a State that doesn't really try to help us out. We plow State roads. Do you see a State plow going down Route 130 in Nashua? You will not. So maybe we should demand a little bit more from the big boys up in Concord. Thank you.

Alderman Gregg

Thank you, Madam President. And so first of all Mayor, thank you for going up and testifying and also taking, you know, part of that lead to see if we can get this back. I just hope, you know, for my colleagues up at the State House and for all of us that deal in government, that we spend less time working our constituents up over disingenuous ideas because in this State we have an uphill battle. We have decided not to have income tax, not to have, you know, these other taxes which would make it easier because it would give us incomes to take care of things. When we focus our constituents on things that are not true, we actually waste a whole lot of time and energy that we need to do on solving real problems that we really have.

So I'm really honored to be a part of this Board. I think that we won't have anything like that hopefully in this Board and that we can move forward for Nashua because as we see, we're not going to always be able to count on the State to be forthcoming as to what's going on in here, but especially when we had that hearing where we had a lot of people coming concerned about, you know, what China was owning and how that came about. I just hope that we can be better in this horseshoe and I think that we can. So that's all. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you very much. Mayor, we're going to be touching on the Nashua Community Power in a bit and I see the difference in the rates between Eversource and their rates. We had our constituents were automatically opted in versus their right to opt in. My concern as a sitting Alderman is that what happens if our constituents don't know/realize that they're actually opted in? You know because not everybody looks at their bill and the notes/sees that they have a different supplier other than Eversource. How are they going to know to opt out or some of our constituents might not know how to opt out of this and they're paying the higher rate? So that's what my concern is. So I hope somehow we're going to get some type of a message out there and help people to be able to opt out and to really be able to read the bill if they don't - because not everybody looks to see that they have a different supplier and they might still think that they have Eversource. So that's what my concern is so I hope we can address this. Thank you very much.

Mayor Donchess

Well I share that concern and I mean one good feature of this is that if an individual wishes to go to Eversource at any time, they can. But what you've suggested is that people may not learn about this and may not know of their options, you know, to opt out, or maybe not even know that the rate's higher than Eversource. So yes, that is a concern. I wish that everyone - so I think we should just do everything we can to make sure the community is aware of this so people can make their own decisions that's best for them. In addition, you know, the City has to decide what overall is best in terms of the future with Community Power.

Alderman Lopez

I just want to thank the Mayor for taking some concrete action in addressing the housing crisis. We hear so often people say it's a regional housing crisis. It's a statewide housing crisis. People are totally happy to use that as a platform but when push comes to shove and as you say, maybe they didn't have the money and didn't have the resources but this was an opportunity to create housing. It's in our Master Plan. Nashua has infrastructure for people who have, you know, for new housing development to be able to access the resources and things they need. I think this probably would have grown the property tax base in New Hampshire.

I voted against a similar resolution here against foreign ownership because I felt like it was worded in a way that could be exploited, I guess, and it struck me as xenophobic. But if Senator Birdsell actually supported such a piece of legislation, I can't imagine how she would have expected the City of Nashua to know about it several years before she did it unless she's hiding a time machine somewhere. So acting like we need a bailout because we were following the movement that she is part of, it seems opportunistic that she would make a point of issuing legislation saying okay well, we can't have large pieces of property that are owned by foreign, you know, opponents of our State or whatever. We have this whole big scandal over most of last year about how it's "x" miles away from drinking water and "x" miles away from, you know, security places, and then the State's not going to do anything about it anyway. It just seems like that was a whole bunch of hot air for no particular reason. It's unfortunate that they couldn't even set aside that part long enough to say okay well, let's invest in housing because that's a very real crisis. Everybody does see that and as one of my fellow Aldermen pointed out, we're wasting a lot of time on rhetoric when we could actually be helping people and doing the business we're elected to do. I think it'd be nice to see a little bit more of that in Concord too.

RECOGNITION PERIOD - NoneDISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Community Power Energy Rate Increase

President Wilshire recognized Energy Manager Doria Brown.Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Good evening. Thank you all for having me today - President Wilshire, Mayor Donchess, and members of the Board of Aldermen. I'm here to do a presentation on our rates starting February 1, 2026 going through to the end of July of this year.

So first, I want to give an overview on what Community Power is especially for the new members here. I'm still getting used to the new arrangement, I apologize. So we started Community Power back in 2023. We launched a program in April and that allowed us to pool our purchasing power together with other communities to set a supply rate for the City of Nashua as the default supplier. Supply is the section of your electric bill that's at the top. It's not your delivery portion. It's the supply portion. It's the only portion of your electric bill that each person can negotiate on their own. Usually, the utility is the default supplier for community but since we launched our program, the City of Nashua has become the default supplier for the community. So this program originally launched with the goal of savings for the City of Nashua. When we first entertained having a Community Power Program, the Eversource rate was 22 cents a kilowatt hour. We launched our program at 15 cents a kilowatt hour, sharing a significant savings for the community and we auto enrolled everybody so everyone could auto enroll into that extreme savings that we offered to our program.

So next, I want to get into the rates that we have today. So starting February 1, our rate will be 14.663 cents a kilowatt hour. That's still about one cent under our first rate with Community Power. We are offering three opt up products that have higher renewable energy content: Granite Plus - 15.063 cents at 33% renewable energy; Clean 50 is 15.763 cents at 50% renewable energy; and Clean 100 - 17.663 cents for 100% renewable energy.

Now I would like to go over the utility rates. So this rate period for February 1 going through July, Eversource is offering a rate of 11 cents per kilowatt hour. This marks a big shift between electricity rates. When we first started Community Power, the utilities were setting rates in a very different way. They would get a fixed rate contract for a certain period of time and that would set their rate for that 6-month period. Since we launched Community Power, the utilities saw how our Community Power programs were extremely successful because we were able to take advantage of the wholesale market and have an open position which allowed us to set lower rates. Now the utilities are able to take advantage of the wholesale market as well and that has made them more competitive. Currently, I believe, Eversource is assuming a 50% market exposure for their rate period allowing them to set more competitive rates. The rate difference between Nashua Community Power and Eversource is about 3.3 cents and that's about \$21 a month for the average electric bill in difference.

Now, I think the helpful part about our Community Power Program is that it's a choice. You can opt out of the Nashua Community Power Program at any time. Here, I have a slide going over how one could opt out. You could use the online portal through the link here on the presentation as well as call this phone number to opt out of Nashua Community Power. There are no fees. Let's say you called February 1st to opt out of Nashua Community Power. You would be opted out at your next meter read. So you might see a bill for February if your meter read was on February 1st and you didn't get to it quickly, so I would suggest people if they would like to opt out of Nashua Community Power before the next rate period to opt out either in January or be aware that if you opt out in February, you might see that higher rate on your bill for your first bill but you'll see the lower rate for your next one.

So I wanted to go through a revenue report for Nashua Community Power. Since we launched in April of 2023, we sold about \$62 million worth of electricity. Our overhead costs are about \$58 million and we accumulated about \$3.2 million in reserves. This is down from our peak, which I believe was about \$7 million in reserves and we have eaten away about at that a little bit to set lower rates and to kind of deal with some cash flow issues that we have that the Mayor detailed earlier in his remarks. We currently have \$240,000 in discretionary reserves and that is from when we put a 2/10 cent adder on the Nashua Community Power rate when we were under the utility to go towards special programming and energy efficiency for the community. That programming is due to be out in Q2 or Q3 of this year. Customer savings is at about \$5.9 million and Community benefit is still at about \$9 million and to be honest, that benefit and savings is going to go down as we have higher rates than the utility.

Annual savings from Nashua Community Power. So in 2023 when we launched and we were far under the utility when they were at, I think, about 20 cents and we were at 15 cents, we had \$4.6 - I'm rounding up - million dollars in savings. In 2024, we provided the City of Nashua \$2.3 million in savings and now in 2025 since we've been above the utility, we're providing negative \$951,000 in savings for the year 2025.

I did want to go over what joint reserves are and why they're so important. The reason why our rate is so high is so that we contribute more dollars into joint reserves and these funds are extremely important for the health of a Community Power program because we've learned what happens when you draw down all of your reserves. You don't have the money that you need for cash flow problems. When you sell electricity on the large scale that we're doing for Nashua Community Power through the Community Power Coalition, you don't see your revenue until maybe two or three months after you make that transaction. So we're purchasing the power each month, selling it to individuals. We're billing these people the next month and then receiving that cash the month after. So it's really difficult to keep up with that cash flow. Oh sorry - where you might have about \$12 million going through a power cost for the Community Power Coalition with, I believe, about 40% of that power cost being attributed to the City of Nashua. So by increasing our rate for this rate period, we're going to be contributing more money to joint reserves for our program and that will allow us to have more of a liquid advantage in our cash flow to allow us to be more competitive with the utilities who are kind of adopting our business model for setting electricity rates.

I also wanted to go over discretionary reserves, which is different than joint reserves. These are funds that are accumulated if you decide to put an extra adder on your electric rate and that's the choice of a community. The City of Nashua only had an adder on one rate period in which we were under the utility rate. Other communities like Peterborough, New Hampshire, choose to always have a rate adder on their rate. So I think they do about 3/10's of a cent every rate period. That's what they add on to their rate and they're using those funds to do other energy efficiency projects within their community. That's just something that they like to do but it's up to the community and the City of Nashua has chosen not to do that if we're not under the utility rate.

Right now, I'll open it up for questions and answers but I did want to say that we have the Acting General Manager of the Community Power Coalition here and he's here to assist me if you have any financial questions that I cannot answer.

President Wilshire

Thank you. I just wanted before - I see all the hands going up. We're not going to spend a long time on this because we do plan to set up a special meeting just to cover this. So I'll entertain questions obviously, but I don't want it to go on all night because we have this another night. Okay, I'll start over here.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. I just want to define what you had said when you talked about the admin cost of \$58.9 million. When you're defining that admin cost is that that joint reserve? Is that what that - or I'm calling it admin cost. You said total cost in your spreadsheet there. Is that what that joint reserve is or is that? Yeah, so where it says total cost.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Yeah, so reserves - joint reserves are reserves. I apologize for not calling them joint reserves in this slide. So the reserve number - that \$3.2 million that the City of Nashua has, that would be reserves.

Alderman Klee

So the total cost there that you that you have...

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

No, total cost...

Alderman Klee

You have total revenue and total cost. What makes up the total cost?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Total cost is the cost of doing business. So selling the electricity, paying off the cost of kind of borrowing to be able to manage cash flow, that's overhead per staff, customer service cost. That all goes into the total cost for selling electricity.

Alderman Klee

So it's basically just overhead cost...

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Yes.

Alderman Klee

With the rates. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. Yeah, I think my question probably won't be one that Nashua Community Power would answer anyway. So obviously this is disappointing because, you know, when we came on I was so excited about this that we were going to be able to just put everybody on. Everybody's going to get a cheaper bill than what they were getting and obviously now it's flipped. You know the great thing about an electric bill, we can't do anything about the delivery charges but we can shop for supplier, right? So I think it's harder to just flip them all back on to Eversource. I don't know if there's any issue with that. There's probably some kind of regulatory thing. You just can't put everybody back on Eversource.

But to Alderman Johnson's point, you know, I've sent out emails to my constituents. Only ones I have emails for right or want my emails. I'm sure they get to other people as well but that's still a minute amount of people in Nashua. So, you know, and I've gotten questions from my email. Alderman Sullivan posted on Facebook today and I shared it. But again, you know, we're popular but we ain't that popular, right, and not everybody's going to see that.

And I got a question this morning too about well some people might not want to change because Eversource doesn't offer, you know, green energy options like Nashua Community Power does. So don't assume that everybody's just going

to want to, you know, flip back to Eversource. So I had to kind of, you know, put that out there as well. But a lot of people - I would say 50% of people get their bill electronically which is even less that you look at it, right. I get mine paper because I want to look at it but I'm an old timer. Most people don't do that. You know 50% probably at Eversource and others probably get it auto paid as well. Probably more than 50% get auto paid. I even do that. So, you know, people are just going to let it go and they're not even paying attention, right, because I mean most people don't watch what we're doing here, you know, to be honest.

So, you know, I don't know. I mean is there a way to - I mean if we send out a card saying something? How easy is that going to be worded to be able to say something? Also, that's going to be a cost to send out. So I don't know is there a way that we can try to get this out to as many? I mean we could all as Aldermen go out to our Wards but again, we're only going to hit as many people that want to talk to us. And believe me, there's a lot of people that don't want to talk to me. So, you know, it's as good as we can do which is not enough when there's 40,000 homes or whatever.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

So I do have an answer to your question. We released a press release about our rates in December when the rates were set. So that was our first point of a communication with the public. Eversource also released a press release with their rates as well in December. Eversource also has more direct contact with people who do online billing. They get emails from the utility. I believe that the utilities have sent emails about their rates as well. So we're not the only point of communication about utility options.

Also, third party providers often send out emails and communications to people about what the Community Power rate is and what rate they can offer. So there are a lot of people who are trying to get to people about the different options that they have in New Hampshire for electricity rates.

We will continue to share information about this on our website for the City of Nashua. We have our Community Power rates and then if you link to Nashua Community Power where we have the OPT portal - sorry gonna go back to it - we will be putting the Eversource rates on our portal so people can see that and they can make a decision when they look at the Nashua Community Power website. So we're going to do everything that we can for people to make an informed decision and be able to pick the rate that's best for them.

I don't know if you realize this but Community Power is really close to my heart. I sit on the Board of Directors for Nashua Community Power and helped move this forward when we set a rate that was astronomically lower than the utility and it made a whole lot of sense to enroll people onto that lower rate because how are we going to communicate to them that they have this much lower option. It's the same conundrum. I think that it's important to recognize the benefits that Community Power has given the community which have been savings for the last two years as well as a voice in the legislature in the PUC. Through Community Power, we have actually stopped a lot of things from happening to ratepayers, including the charge of under collection costs from the utilities being in the wholesale market being put on everybody instead of those who take supply from the utilities.

So I think there's a lot of benefit to Community Power. Right now we're at a higher rate than the utility and we need to do our best to get that information out there and tell people how they can opt out or make the best decision for them. So I recognize the issue and we're going to keep communicating. We're going to hope - not hope but we know that our competitor, Eversource, is going to be communicating as well as all the other third-party suppliers.

Alderman Thibeault

Just to follow up if I could? So yeah and I think you know again, I mean I was one of the biggest supporters. I voted for it each time we had to vote for it. But to be frank, people don't read press releases. I work for Eversource and I am ashamed to say this - I didn't know what the rate - I knew the rate was going to be different or I should say better than Nashua Community Power but I couldn't tell you to the cent what it was. So I think, you know, I mean I don't know how to get it out any better than what I'm trying to do with my constituency but it's - and trying to also like you said, offer the benefits of it. But a lot of people don't read email. Our boxes get jammed up as you know people out there. So I think it's still something, you know, we have to do and we have to make sure people know it. Maybe people don't go on the Community website and see that. Oh, the price is different.

Sure, you know, Eversource isn't going to help Nashua Community Power but - and the other thing, you have to be careful with these third parties not only because you got to make sure you're not in a contract, or there's opt out fees, or all that, but working for Eversource, I hear lots of scam calls to people saying, hey we're better than Eversource, or whatever, and it being a total fraud, and scam. So you have to be a little careful with those third parties even though, you know, they can help people if you pick the right one. So, thank you.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

I agree but I think it's also important that we are offering two viable, honest options with Community Power and Eversource that at least gives people two options that they can trust that they know is not a scam.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you. Full confession, I switched. I opted out.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Totally fine.

Alderman Sullivan

Just wanted you to know that.

Anyway. No my question was that you had mentioned that the lift in the rates is to build your reserves. Have you run the numbers on the attrition rate and what that might be? I mean if people opt out like yours truly and then several thousand other people opt out, won't that hurt the reserves because not many people are paying in. Have you run those numbers? Are you forecasting that? What do you see there?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

So I'm going to hand the mic to Acting General Manager Herndon to answer that financial question.

Henry Herndon, Acting General Manager, Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

Good evening. The answer simply put is yes. As part of our financial modeling, we do have attrition assumptions built in based on historical actuals and we have adjusted those over time as rates have adjusted relative to the utilities. So that is considered in our financial modeling.

Alderman Sullivan

Okay, great. Thanks. That was it.

Alderwoman Kelly

I'll keep my questions short. You talked about the adder and then we've only - was that a decision that was made by Nashua Community Power? You? Who made that decision?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

So that is a good question. That was a decision that was made by the City of Nashua. I did a presentation on the adder to the Board of Aldermen before it occurred to get all of your feedback, and then I went to the Nashua Community Power rate setting meeting, and I am the person that kind of decides what products the City of Nashua will have after I get advice from the Aggregation Committee, the Board of Aldermen, and the Mayor, and I put the 2/10's of a cent adder because it was amenable to this group.

Alderwoman Kelly

And then if I could follow up? This is my own personal question. I cannot remember if the additional like if you go up to clean energy if there's any adders in that. Are there?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

No. There is no adder like discretionary adder on our rate right now. To be clear and to repeat to make sure everybody knows, we do not have an adder that's going towards anything extra on our rate. If we did have one, it would not be offered in the opt up options. You would see a rate sheet that looks a little bit different than the one here. First underneath Granite Basic, you would see Nashua Community benefit rate and that would be the rate with the adder, and then you would see Granite Basic as an option, and then you would see Plus Clean 50, Clean 100, and none of those opt options would have an adder included.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you.

Alderman Morgan

How often can our constituents opt in or out?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

You can opt in and out and at any given month but it's going to happen in the next month. So I opt out in February, it's going to be opted out in my bill in March. Let's say I call in March and I want to opt out, I'm going to be opted out in my bill in April. So you can flip flop as much as you want. It's a lot to manage but some people do it.

Alderman Morgan

Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

I just want to quickly thank you for all the work you've been doing on this. And yes, I think we do know how passionate you are, and we know how much leadership you've shown on this, and obviously, we all want to be the better option and on the winning side but that's not always how it works. So I appreciate your transparency. I think we're here tonight because you're trying to be forthcoming. You've been nothing but honest and clear about how to switch over. It was right in the slide. So I appreciate that effort and I appreciate your commitment to our City.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Thank you.

President Wilshire

I'm going to echo what Alderman Lopez said. Thank you for everything.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

May I ask one question?

President Wilshire

Attorney Bolton.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Doria, from what I gather from your presentation, approximately two years ago the rate that public service had was 22 cents per kilowatt hour and some fraction and now it's down to about half of that.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Yes.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Is it fair to think that the entry into the marketplace of Community Power impacted that downward shift by public service?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

I believe so. I think an introduction to a worthy competitor often drives rates down or things down and the introduction of Community Power into the market and auto enrolling customers as a new default option drove the utilities to want to figure out how to offer lower rates and be more competitive in the market. So I would say yes.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

So to that extent, Nashua ratepayers are still paying less than they might have?

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

I don't have a magic crystal ball to be able to say that, but...

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

But 11 cents is a lot less than 22 cents.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Absolutely. And so is 14.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Thank you.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

You're welcome.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Doria. I appreciate your presentation this evening and we will work out through Donna a night that maybe we can have a full presentation that we can learn everything that we need to know.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Yes.

President Wilshire

Excellent.

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

And we'll be having Aggregation Committee meetings in February, March, and April where we'll be further discussing Nashua's participation in the program as well as the financials behind CPC and H and rate setting for the next rate period. So I hope that if you're interested, you attend. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you very much.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Len Fournier, Superintendent of Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemeteries
Re: Request for Joint Convention

From: Linda Laflamme, Chairman of Board of Library Trustees
Re: Request for Joint Convention

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications, placed them on file, and scheduled Joint Conventions with the Trustees of Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemeteries and Board of Library Trustees for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING

President Wilshire

We have one person signed up, but we are not taking up the ERC. There's no action being taken tonight so.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

- Aldermanic Committees 2026-2027

President Wilshire

Well despite all the back and forth we had Alderman Clemons on getting these right, I sent out the draft instead of the final copy and my apologies to everyone.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2026-2027 ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

I just want to express my appreciation for clearing my Wednesday nights.

President Wilshire

You're very welcome.

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following appointments by the Mayor were read into the record:

Ethics Review Committee

Justin Gerstenfield (new appointment)
79 Gilson Road
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to expire: December 9, 2028

Lou Juris (new appointment)
56 Haines Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to expire: February 10, 2029

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Justin Hoprich (new appointment)
29 Lutheran Drive
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to expire: January 13, 2029

Paula Lochhead (re-appointment)
4 Westbrook Drive

Term to expire: January 27, 2029

Nashua, NH 03060
Kamal Masand (new appointment)
20 Jennifer Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to expire: February 10, 2029

Michael Sliwa (new appointment)
28 Woodfield Street
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to expire: March 10, 2029

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointments by the Mayor as read and referred them to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

Without objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for an appointment that was received after the agenda was prepared.

Pennichuck Water Board of Directors

Nadra Bell
2 Farley Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to expire: on the date of the annual shareholders meeting in
2028

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointment by the Mayor as read and referred her to the Pennichuck Water Special Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee on Infrastructure 9/24/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 24, 2025 Committee on Infrastructure be accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

BUSINESS UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-001

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA TEACHERS' UNION, LOCAL 1044, AFT, AFL-CIO, UNIT E, INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND UNIT F, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

President Wilshire

So when the Clerk reads new legislation, if you want to sign on to it – if you want to be a sponsor or an endorser this is where I will call for additional sponsors. So if you're interested in this legislation and you want to co-sponsor it, now is your time.

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

R-26-002

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME STIPEND TO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIREES AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

R-26-003

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY", ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF COVERING EXPENSES TO CLEAN UP MAIN STREET AND THE RIVERFRONT

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, January 26, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

President Wilshire

It has been requested by Director Fauteux that Resolution R-26-004 be removed from the agenda as further amendments are needed to the agreement. So we're going to skip over that.

R-26-004

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDED FEDERAL AID PROGRAM PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE EXPANDED WALNUT STREET OVAL INTERSECTION PROJECT AND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,279,676 FOR THE PROJECT**R-26-005**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INTEREST COST SAVINGS

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, January 26, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

R-26-006

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$20,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "NHCF GRANT PARTNER PROGRAM"

Given its first reading; Assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

R-26-007

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,500,000) FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION GARAGE DESIGN

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, January 26, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-26-001**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez

RELATIVE TO FLAGPOLES ON CITY HALL GROUNDS

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTLaurie Ortolano

Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I just want to address the Board on a couple things and one of them is what does an NRO mean? What is an ordinance, and what's the value of it, and what rights do we have as citizens when it comes to enforcement of ordinances? There are laws but what rights do we have to those laws?

And one of my concerns is with committee appointments and how we deal with handling matters through committee such as the Ethics Review Committee. I filed a complaint in September. It was really short. It was supposed to be a 30-day turnaround. It got derailed. A member quit. I didn't realize that until, you know, farther down the road. I just got some emails that showed we had somebody sign in in September but we request to serve after this other member quit. But here we are January and we have a committee right now with 5 individuals and for my complaint, two have to recuse. So we're down to three but we never really filled the three alternate seats to have a committee.

And, you know, the one thing I hate is being lied to. I went to a committee meeting on December 4th and Chairman Bush lied to me. Why would a man who works at a prominent law firm, who sits on the Judicial Selection Commission for the Governor, who sits on the Advisory Judicial Ethics Committee for the Supreme Court not be honorable? Why would he give information out that was untruthful. And it's because the City's game with me is always the art of the ambush. And that meeting on December 4th was the ambush. I couldn't figure out why there were recusals. He announced that somebody had a death in the family but they couldn't tell me who, although there were three people present. I assume the recusal people weren't there but I knew that could have been a trick and the trick is kind of coming to light now. But in order to figure out the trick, I had to file repeated Right-to-Know requests. I'm in the process of getting 150 emails. I'm 86 into it after 5-6 weeks and I got another 6 weeks to go. Why does the City put me in this position to have to file repeated Right-to-Know requests for something I asked in a meeting that was so simple and straight forward that shouldn't have taken any...

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

30 seconds.

Laurie Ortolano

You know, the Mayor talked about the ignorance of a State Senator. I'm going to talk about the ignorance of this lawyer who is prominent, and powerful, pretty darn stupid for how he acted, and he sits as the Chair, and that is unacceptable to me. Please look at your ordinances because I am, and I'm going to look at enforcement this year, and I expect you all to look at enforcement as well. Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Lopez

Woohoo. So this Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. I just wanted to share that Soel Sistas will be having a Martin Luther King breakfast if anybody's looking for something to do from 10am to 1pm.

Alderwoman Kelly

I was gonna say that but you got me there. I just wanted to welcome all the new Board welcome and thank the Inauguration Committee for doing such a lovely job on the ceremony. It was always a joy to be at the Nashua Center for the Arts welcoming and new people.

President Wilshire

Do you prefer Alderwoman or Alderman?

Alderman Johnson

Alderman. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Johnson, thank you.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. I just want to say what an honor and a privilege is it to sit in this chamber, and I thank the people who voted for me in November, and I look forward to working with everybody. Thank you.

Alderman Sennott

Just want to extend a welcome to all my new colleagues. I'm looking forward to working with everybody.

Alderman Sullivan

Ditto.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say anybody that heard the rumor of my demise, it's greatly exaggerated. I'm here.

Alderman Lopez

I think we learned not to believe that a while ago.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, want to welcome all the newbies and you got off easy tonight. This was an easy one.

And also want to thank Ms. Brown, Manager Brown, for coming in and doing her presentation. I know it's not easy to come in here with news that may not be as good as we would want it to be. So I know her passion and I've always been a big fan of the work she's done for the City, so I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee. Oh, Alderman Smith – you gotta get your hand up quicker.

Alderman Klee

I will...

President Wilshire

You'll defer?

Alderman Klee

Yes.

Alderman Smith

I did have it up, right after her. So I just wanted to thank everyone as a newbie for welcoming us. As a newbie, I want to apologize for my late arrival. I realize now I need to double, triple check all of my email communications so that I can be here at 7 and not just 7:30.

But it is definitely an honor as someone who's just a grassroots advocate and ally out in the community to be able to sit here with all of you, to be able to serve the City, and to, you know, to put faces, and voices with names, and I want to thank everyone here who presented this evening. It just makes me proud to be a member of the Nashua community and so glad that I've moved here in 2013. So thank you. I look forward to serving everyone. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I want to welcome everybody as well both past colleagues and new colleagues.

I also want to extend a thank you to Alderman Kelly for lending her voice at the last minute at the inauguration. What a beautiful voice. I've heard that Alderman Smith also has a beautiful voice. So if we ever need anything such as this, but at the last minute, we wanted to do Amazing Grace and due to other circumstances, we weren't able to. So Mr. Guarino who had passed as well as Alderman Timmons who I'm blessed to sit in her seat, volunteered to sing as long as you didn't have to do it alone and Alderman Kelly stepped right up and it was quite beautiful and moving and I want to thank her personally.

Alderman Kelly

Thank you.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I just want to welcome all of the new Aldermen, and Alderwomen here, and welcome back all of our colleagues, and I look forward to working with all of you in the new year.

President Wilshire

I've already welcomed all the new people, so I'm going to thank the Inauguration Committee and you can sing. She belted that. That was great and thank you for that. That was pretty amazing. No pun intended.

I'd like to thank the Inauguration Committee, including City Clerk Healey, our Legislative Manager, Alderman Klee, Alderman Jette, and Alderwoman Gregg so thank you all. It was a great inauguration. I think everything went swimmingly well. Thank you.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Thibeault

The PEDC Meeting next week will be canceled. There's no legislation nor any presentations for ready for next week.

President Wilshire

Oh, maybe we can slide the energy thing in there.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS THAT THE JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE
ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk



**COMMUNITY
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Rates Update

January 13th 2026

What is Community Power?

Nashua Community Power is the **default electricity provider** for its residents + businesses and provides related services.



Pooled Purchasing Power
for **Energy Supply**

Economies of Scale

Eversource
Delivers Power

Grid Reliability

Communities Benefit from
Value Added Services & Programs

Competitive Rates & Product Choices

RSA 53-E, Relative to Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities & Counties

Customers may switch back to utility default supply or take service from a Competitive Supplier

Community Power programs must be paid for out of revenues received from participating customers

February-July 2026 Nashua Community Power Rate Structure

- ~ The Nashua Community Power Rate will be 14.663 cents starting the first meter read in February
- ~ This rate is up by 1.24 cents from August 2025 – January 2026 rate period

Community Power Supply Rates Effective Feb. 1 – July 31, 2026			
For Eversource Residential Customers			
Power Options	Renewable Content [†]	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost of Supply per Month*
Clean 100	100%	17.663¢	~ \$115/month
Clean 50	50%	15.763¢	~ \$102/month
Granite Plus	33%	15.063¢	~ \$98/month
Granite Basic	25.2% [†]	14.663¢	~ \$95/month

Utility Default Rates

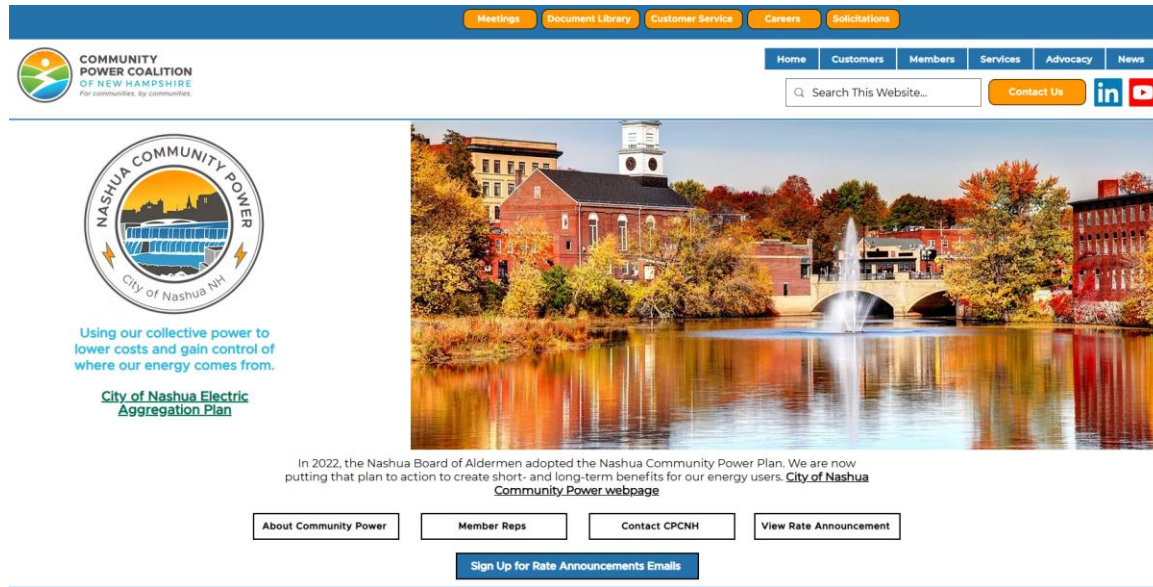
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Sector	Utility	Supply Class	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Residential	Eversource	R	\$0.11303					
	Liberty	D, M, T	\$0.13735					
	Unitil	D	\$0.12060					
			\$0.17606	\$0.11081	\$0.09665	\$0.09323	\$0.10194	\$0.12442

~ **Shift from Fixed-Price Contracts:** Previously, utilities locked in 100% of their supply purchases at fixed prices. Now, they're leveraging the wholesale market, enabling them to offer more competitive.

~ **Increased Market Exposure:** Regulators have directed Eversource to assume 50% commodity market price exposure.

~ **Rate Difference:** There is a 3.3 cent difference between the Nashua Community Power Rate and the Eversource default rate.

How To Opt-Out of Nashua Community Power



Use our Customer Portal below or contact Customer Service

email: info@communitypowernh.gov

call: 1-866-603-7697 (POWR)

Please have your utility account number handy so we can easily process your selection.
(If you have just set up a new account with your utility, please call Customer Service)

Customer Portal

How to Opt-Out:

🌐 Online:

<https://www.communitypowernh.gov/community/nashua>

☎ By Phone:

Nashua Community Power Customer Service
1-866-603-7697

- ~ Nashua Community Power does not require long-term contracts.
- ~ There are no fees or penalties to opt out
- ~ Customers can compare rates and make changes at any point during the rate period

Revenue Report Through September 2025

Member	Launch Date Month/YR	Total Revenue (\$000)	Total Costs (\$000)	Reserves (\$000)	Discr. Reserves (\$000)	Customer Savings (\$000)	Community Benefit (\$000)
Nashua	4/23	\$62,142	\$58,932	\$3,210	\$240	\$5,939	\$9,139

Annual Saving From Nashua Community Power

Year	Savings (\$000)
2023	\$4,585
2024	\$2,340
2025	(\$951)

Joint Reserves

Joint Reserves are accrued, maintained, and used by CPCNH, on behalf of all Members. Reserve contributions are tracked and accounted for according to the share associated with each Member's Community Power program as per our Financial Reserve Policy.

Objectives

The objective of maintaining financial reserves is to ensure the sustainability of the organization, allowing for unforeseen challenges or opportunities. Reserves will help:

- ⚡ Maintain rate stability and protect against sudden upward adjustments in rates.
- ⚡ Ensure sufficient cash available to meet expenses.
- ⚡ Lower and avoid interest expenses, and thereby reduce costs to customers.
- ⚡ Build creditworthiness to become an attractive counterparty to energy suppliers and project developers, helping to lower contracting costs.
- ⚡ Achieve a credit rating and maintain good standing with rating agencies.
- ⚡ Manage risks identified in the Energy Portfolio Risk Management Policy.
- ⚡ Create shared understanding and transparency among all parties in the proper level and use of reserves.

The goal of the developing and maintaining financial reserves **is not** to maximize reserves. The goal is to maintain target reserve levels to meet the objectives.

DISCRETIONARY & EXCESS RESERVES

Individual Members may apply an “add” to their Community Power rates for the accrual of Discretionary Reserves. Application of such adders must be approved by the CPCNH CEO and the Member's governing body or their authorized designee. Discretionary Reserves shall be tracked, accounted for, and transferred to the individual Member or otherwise applied or held by CPCNH as directed by the individual Member's governing body.

Members may use Discretionary Reserves to invest in developing new local energy projects, or to fund programs benefiting their customers specifically, or for other uses as determined solely by each individual Member.

CPCNH aims to make available the ability for Members to apply an adder to their rate to accrue Discretionary Reserves starting in August 2024.

Excess Reserves is a cap on the collection of Joint Reserves by CPCNH. If the accrual of Joint Reserves exceeds the maximum reserve target of 180 days of operating costs then the balance (“excess”) is allocated to Members as Discretionary Reserves.



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