

Tamworth Community Power Draft Goals & Objectives



Tamworth's Energy Goals

The Town of Tamworth formed an Energy Committee in January of 2023 after prior initiatives to engage in energy cost savings and emissions reductions activities over the years. The purpose of the Tamworth Energy Committee is to:

“Support the Town of Tamworth to study and implement energy cost reduction initiatives to save money for the town and members of the community through activities to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy production, while decreasing pollution and increasing resilience. The Energy Committee will take on tasks such as research, grant writing, and information sharing in service of the Town and community members, helping them take advantage of cost savings and emissions savings opportunities.”

Tamworth Community Power Objectives

To achieve our policy goals, Tamworth Community Power will be guided by the following objectives:

1. **Lower Rates:** provide residential default rates lower than those offered by Eversource;
2. **Expanded Choices for Renewable Energy and Other Innovations:** offer optional products, such as supply options with higher and lower levels of renewable energy and time-varying rates that enable the intelligent use of customer energy technologies to reduce energy expenditures and carbon emissions on a voluntary basis;
3. **Fiscal Stability & Financial Reserves:** maintain a reserve fund to ensure that the program remains able to offer competitive rates as market prices fluctuate over time;
4. **Consumer Protections:** ensure that the contracts entered into on behalf of customers are fair and represent the interests of Tamworth and its residents;
5. **Public Advocacy:** represent the interests of Tamworth and the program's customers at the Legislature, Public Utilities Commission and other relevant agencies on matters pertaining to Community Power and towards creating a more modern electric grid;
6. **Cleaner, Local Power:** encourage the development of cost-effective projects to supply an affordable energy portfolio that prioritizes the use of in-state and local renewable energy;
7. **Community Resilience:** support local contractor training and education programs to lower barriers to the installation of new clean energy technologies, and support projects such as back-up power supplies, efficient electric vehicle charging networks and community microgrids on critical facilities;
8. **Regional Collaborations:** collaborate with municipalities, other Community Power programs and government agencies to jointly develop cost-effective local renewable generation and storage projects, electric vehicle transit fleets (such as school buses) and charging corridors, and other clean energy infrastructure developments;
9. **Manage Risk, Limit Liability:** protect the Town of Tamworth against any risks or liabilities arising as a result of Community Power programs in Tamworth, beyond those explicitly accepted by the Select Board as reasonable in connection with a specific Community Power program (e.g., energy procurement) or project (e.g. a renewable generation project developed by the Town).

Through strategies and initiatives like these, enabled by the scope and scale of service provided through the Coalition, Tamworth Community Power intends to:

- Create savings and new value for customers;
- Reduce fossil fuel consumption overall while enhancing the reliability of our electricity grid; and
- Support the vitality and growth of local businesses.

These objectives are essential to our continued success as a vital, sustainable community.

To the extent such projects are financially prudent, Tamworth Community Power will seek to develop local energy assets and generation resources, including renewable generators and battery storage, that can provide power to the program's customers cost effectively.