

## **Charter of the Amherst Energy Committee**

### **Article I: Name**

The name of this committee shall be the Amherst Energy Committee (“Committee”).

### **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of the Committee shall be to investigate various energy-related issues of interest to the town and to provide the Board of Selectmen (“Board”) with information and recommendations regarding such issues. If the Board decides to pursue the formation of a community power organization pursuant to NH RSA 53-E, the Committee shall serve as the town energy aggregation committee permitted under RSA 53-E. The Committee serves at the pleasure and under the direction of the Board.

### **Article III: Membership**

The Committee shall consist of a total of up to six members, comprised of up to five voting members and one non-voting member, including:

- One ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Board.
- Up to five at-large members of the community appointed by the Board.

The Committee requires a majority of the then-appointed voting members to be present to conduct official business. The voting members shall appoint a chairperson.

### **Article IV: Duties and Responsibilities**

#### **Section 1: Community Power**

The Committee shall conduct a thorough assessment of the formation of a community power organization in Amherst pursuant to RSA 53-E, including the advantages and disadvantages of working with the established groups assisting other NH towns with their community power organizations. The Committee shall report their findings and recommend to the Board whether to proceed to create a community power organization. If the Board decides to proceed, the Committee shall, consistent with RSA 53-E and further direction from the Board, act as the energy aggregation committee, develop and hold required hearings on an energy aggregation plan, obtain Board approval of the plan, and propose an appropriate warrant article seeking voter approval of the plan for the Board’s consideration. This effort shall be the Committee’s priority and shall be performed on a schedule to permit voter consideration in March 2024.

## Section 2: Other Energy Issues

The Committee shall propose to the Board to study other energy-related issues of interest to the town. With Board approval and consistent with any direction provided by the Board, the Committee shall study, consider alternative solutions, report on, and provide recommendations concerning such issues to the Board.

## **Article V: Procedure**

The Committee shall conduct its meetings in accordance with RSA 91-A.

## **Article VI: Dissolution**

The Committee serves at the will of the Board and may be dissolved by the Board at any point, including at the conclusion of the Committee's business.

## **Article VII: Amendments**

This charter may be amended with the approval of the Board.

*Approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting held 06/26/2023*