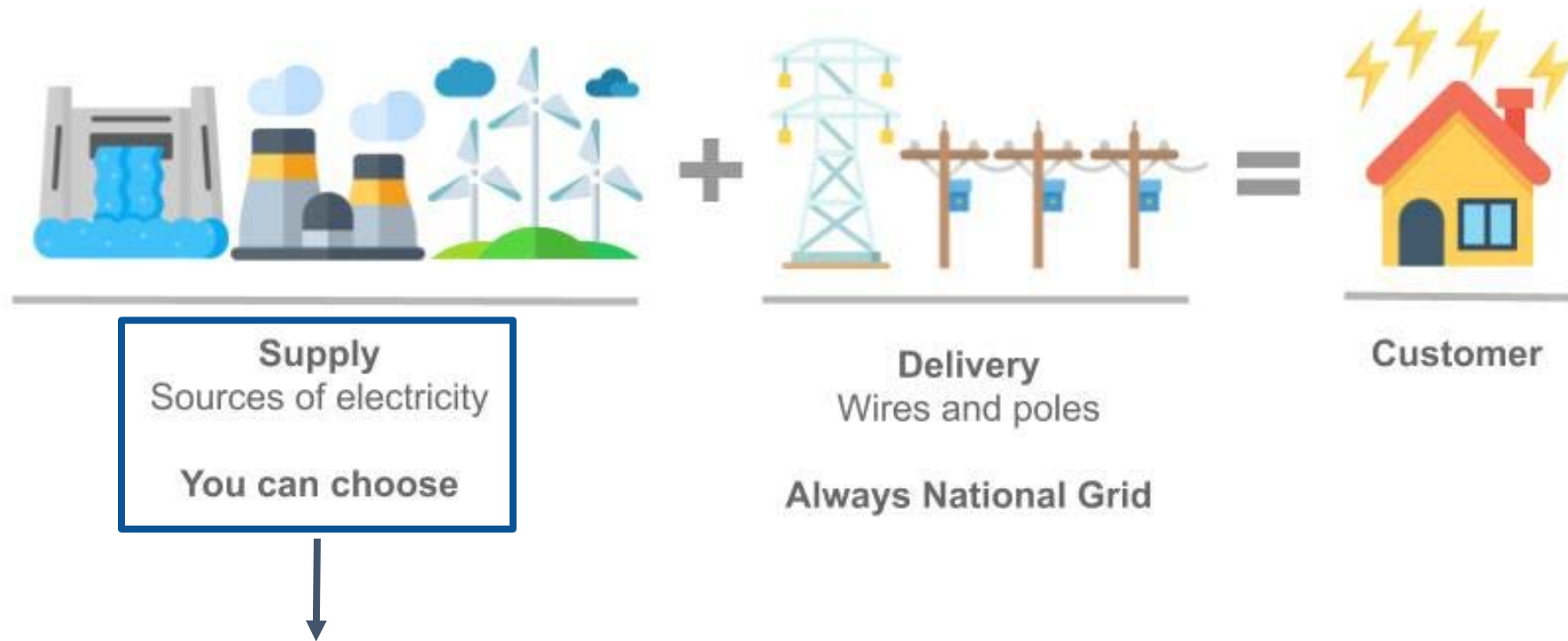




Goals of Community Choice Aggregation

- Access bulk purchase electricity pricing for more competitive rates
- Provide rate stability
- Use and support clean energy
- Expand consumer choice for electricity supply options

Electricity Choice in Rhode Island



National Grid provides supply by default, called “Standard Offer Service”. You can choose your own supplier at any time. With CCA, the **municipal government** uses a competitive bid process to select a supplier for all residents and businesses that currently receive Standard Offer Service supply.

Implementation Steps

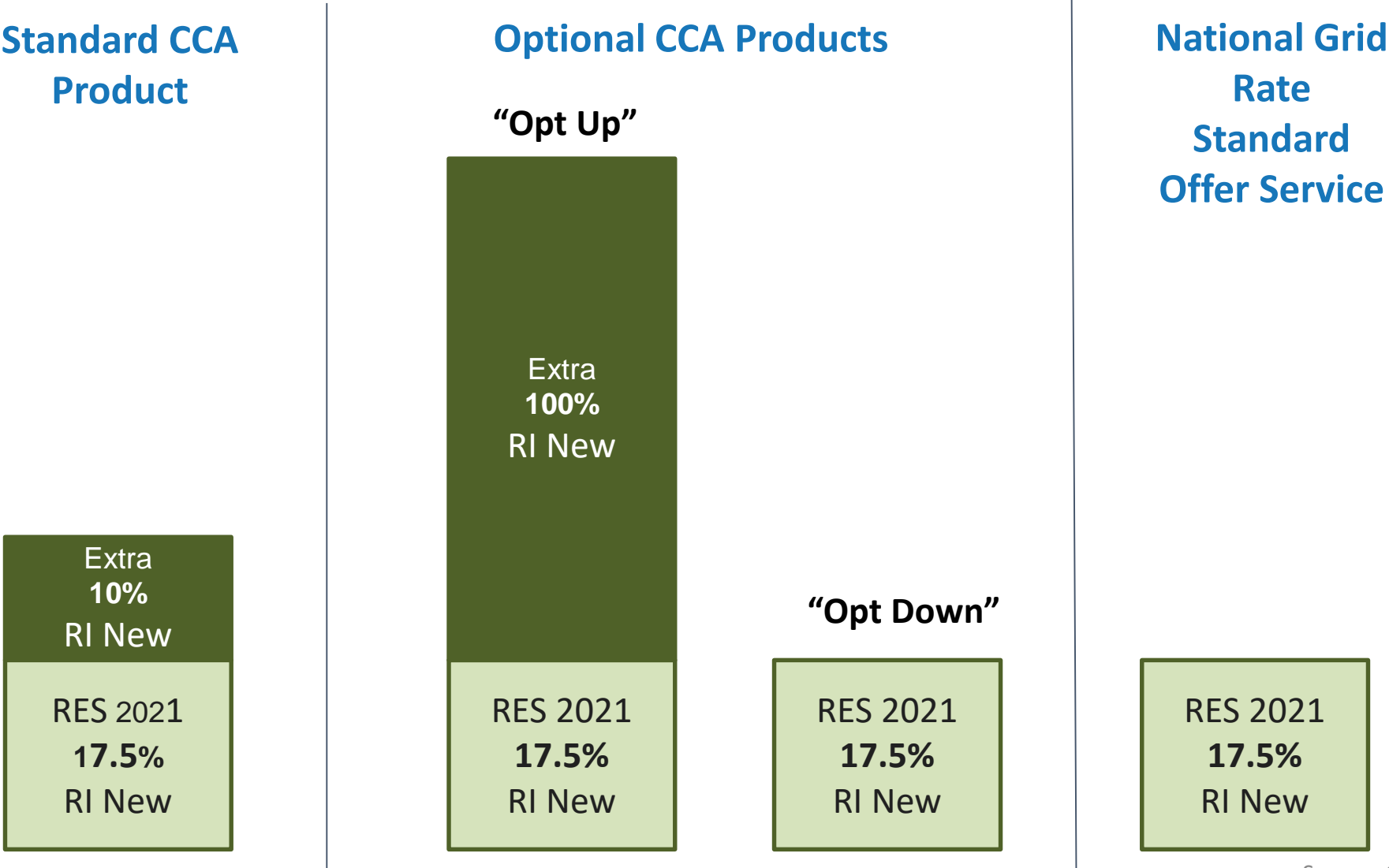
1. Council passes a resolution
**Aiming for July 8*
2. Develop draft aggregation plan and solicit public input
3. Secure local approval for plan
4. Submit to Public Utilities Commission
5. PUC issues order approving aggregation plan
6. Issue RFP for competitive supplier and award bid to winning supplier
7. Public education and opt-out campaign for eligible residents and businesses
8. Eligible accounts that have not opted-out are automatically enrolled on next meter read, electricity flows at new rate.

**All steps highlighted in yellow are worked on by Planning Dept. with significant support from a consultant and the NEEC

Participant Experience

- Automatic enrollment of all customers on Standard Offer Service supply
- Opt-out before program begins or anytime during, without penalty
- National Grid continues to handle billing and maintenance (e.g. power outages)
- Does not affect net metering or any low-income discount rates

Goal: Support Renewable Energy



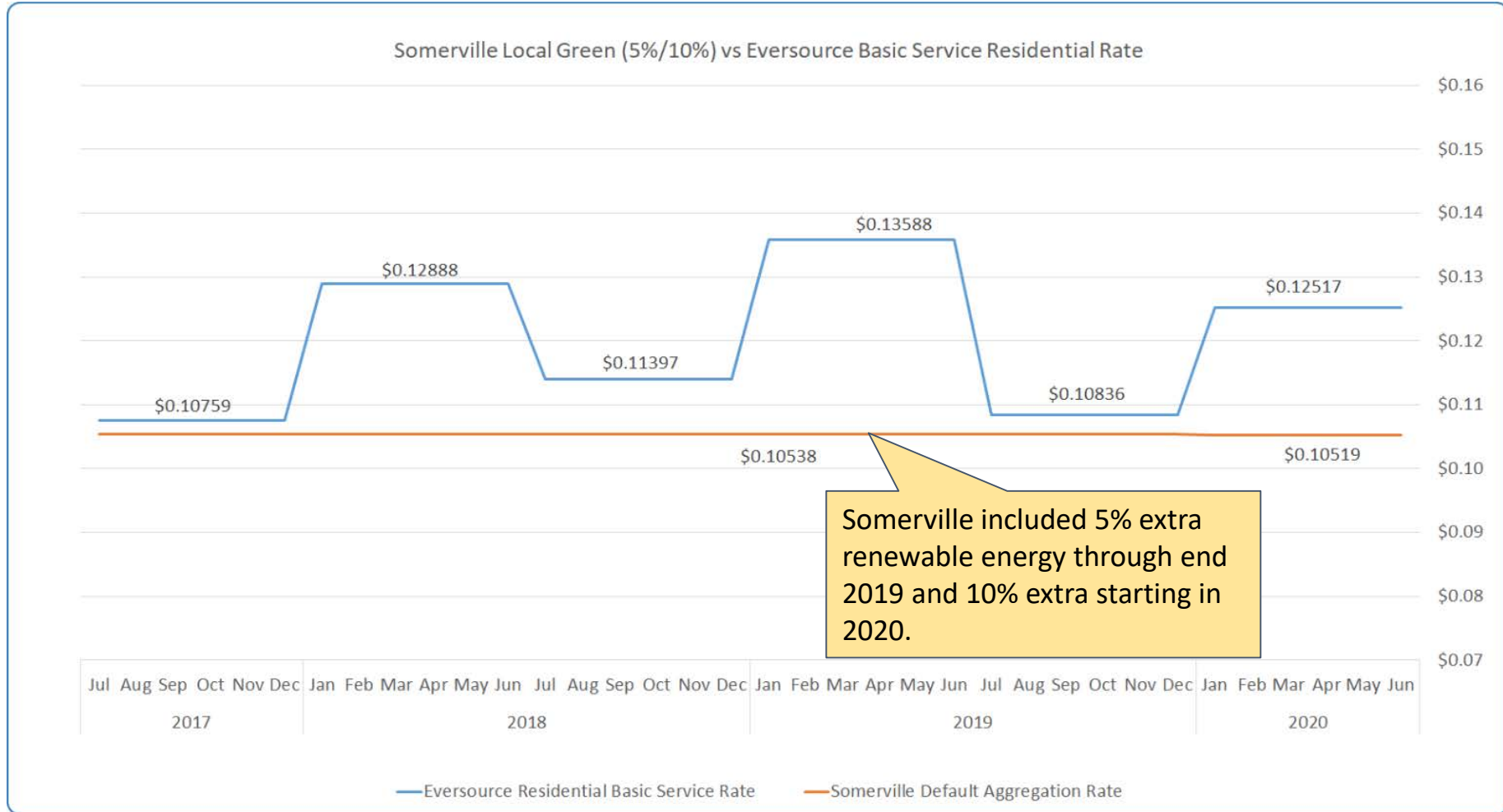
Current Status RI Communities

- Central Falls: Plan approved by Council on May 11
- Providence: Plan under development with Sustainability Dept.
- Barrington: Plan approved by Council on 6/8
- South Kingstown: Sustainability Committee vote 6/15
- Portsmouth: Resolution authorizing plan passed by council 6/22
- Newport: *Plans for introduction of resolution at upcoming meeting*

Working with Other Communities

- Purchasing in bulk works with multiple communities going out to bid together.
 - Providence has the greatest buying power
 - Current buying group will also include loads from other clients
- Providence RFP and bid documents are available for all RI communities to review.
- Providence is on track to approve a plan in July with program going into effect early 2021.

Example: Somerville, MA



Savings compared to utility Standard Offer supply cannot be guaranteed.

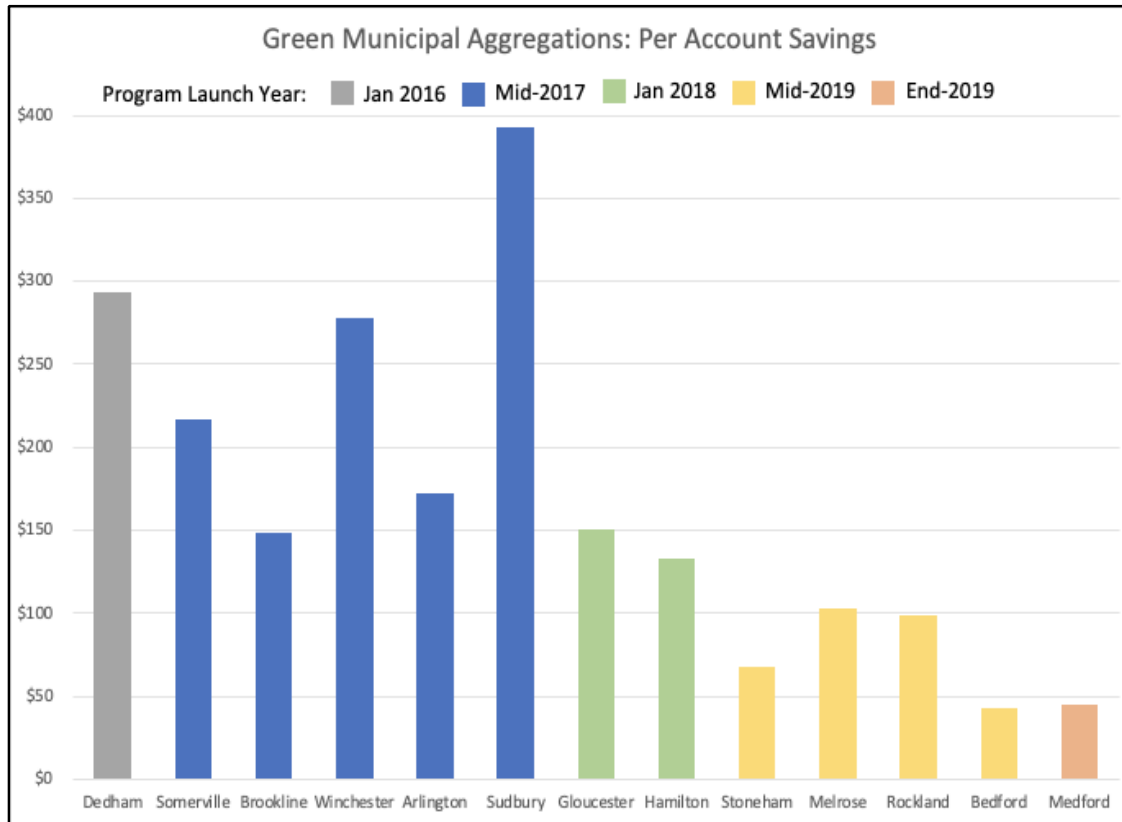
Supporting Partners

- Newport Energy & Environment Commission
- Newport Planning Board & Planning Department
- Green Energy Consumer Alliance (*see below - Priscilla de la Cruz on the meeting w/ use tonight*)
- Good Energy – leading consultant supporting municipalities in RI, MA and beyond in CCA plans



Source: Good Energy Massachusetts &
Green Energy Consumer Alliance

Savings to Customers v Recouping For Municipal-Level Energy Reduction



Possible approach by Newport:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any savings achieved through the aggregation may be utilized to support reduced energy consumption, the use of ground-source heat pumps in buildings occupied year-round, and the generation of energy within the City of Newport to promote net metering and energy independence.

****Details to be decided in the planning process, in consultation with the consultant, the RI Public Utilities Commission, etc.**

What's Next?

- Questions / comments tonight
- Green Consumer Energy Alliance & Newport Energy & Environment Commission happy to do 1-on-1 or additional group education and Q&A's
- Resolution introduced at upcoming council meeting
- Moving forward to bring CCA to Newport in 1st half of 2021, tapping into bulk buying power with Providence and others!