

Council Order: 2025-022

**Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
May 5, 2025**

**Approval of Contract of up to Five (5) Years With Municipal
Aggregation Consultant**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract of up to five (5) years with a municipal aggregation consultant, and hereby further authorize the Town Manager to execute said contract on behalf of the Town and to take any other actions necessary to implement its terms or related thereto. The contract will include three (3) base years and two (2) option years to be exercised at the sole discretion of the Town.

Background

Staff has been working to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a responsible and responsive municipal aggregation consultant. The consultant will work with the Town to prepare a municipal aggregation plan and secure approvals from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for Randolph to become a local energy provider. The consultant will then prepare an RFP and manage the process to allow Randolph to purchase electricity in bulk on behalf of residents and businesses at the lowest possible price. The consultant will manage the program in the subsequent years and will be responsible for informing and working with local consumers as they decide where to purchase electricity. There will be no fee to the Town as the consultant will be paid by the rate payers. It is recommended that any contract be for five years in length to provide stability to the program and incentivize potential bidders to offer a lower rate that would be available under a shorter term contract.

Pursuant to State law, Town Council approval is needed to authorize any contract in excess of three (3) years in length.