

HMLP Policy on Promoting Municipally-Owned Solar Energy

HMLP's power supply policy calls for increasing local distributed energy resources, including solar arrays. This represents an important aspect of HMLP's commitment to reaching a 100% carbon-free power supply.

A logical first step in promoting more local solar arrays is to engage the Town of Hingham in developing arrays for roofs of municipal buildings.

Although Town authorities have expressed willingness to work towards this goal, the Town currently lacks resources to manage the development of projects, including staff time to do the necessary planning, and funds for engineering studies to determine which buildings are appropriate for hosting a solar array.

In service to:

1. the stated goal of the Town, of which HMLP is a part, to reach net-zero carbon emissions in Hingham by 2040, and
2. HMLP's stated goal of reaching a 100% carbon-free power supply, in part by developing and encouraging local distributed energy resources,

HMLP will make resources available to aid the Town in developing solar arrays on municipal property. Resources may include staff time to assist in planning projects, funds for engineering studies from HMLP's green fund, and any other supports which the General Manager deems appropriate.

The Board accepts and concludes that offering these services is in the interest of the ratepayers as they would likely lead to an increase in carbon-free power pursuant to Hingham's stated goals.