

ENERGY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

Purpose: To support various energy efficiency initiatives. Appointed by BOS and reports to the BOS bi-annually.

Duties:

- 1.** Develop a public education and engagement campaign around energy efficiency and conservation.
- 2.** Sign up for the MassEnergyInsight program.
- 3.** Through the support of the Energy Committee, develop a municipal energy use baseline in MassEnergyInsight.
- 4.** Work with DPW to coordinate free energy audits at municipal buildings through the energy utilities.
- 5.** Work with the BOS to commit to reducing municipal energy use by 20%, and through the support of the Energy Committee, develop a Green Communities compliant energy reduction plan.
- 6.** Work with DPW to coordinate a street lighting audit with the electric utility, and consider conversion to LED lights.
- 7.** Develop a community energy use inventory and community-wide energy reduction strategy.
- 8.** Consider the implementation of a weatherization program.
- 9.** Provide education and outreach on energy efficiency and conservation, and promote energy audits.
- 10.** Consider implementation of a community energy efficiency competition or online rewards program in which residences are rewarded for energy savings.
- 11.** Continue to investigate opportunities (including appropriate locations as well as funding sources) to incorporate renewable energy on municipal buildings and lands.
- 12.** Provide education and outreach on renewable energy sources, and how home-owners and businesses can integrate these systems into their homes and businesses.