

Town of Wellesley Energy Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this Energy Policy is to minimize energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while optimizing occupant safety and comfort in buildings operated by the Facilities Maintenance Department.

Statement

Municipal department managers and school principals are responsible for the efficient use of their natural resources and shall provide leadership in developing a realistic energy use ethic, increasing awareness of energy needs and their associated costs in the operation of its facilities to conserve on energy while maintaining a comfortable environment. The Town of Wellesley has committed to reduce its overall energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below FY07 levels by FY13. Existing municipal buildings, major renovations, and new building construction shall meet or exceed the most recently adopted versions of the International Energy Conservation Code, ASHRAE 90.1, and the Massachusetts “Stretch Code”. Likewise, we have committed to increasing vehicle fuel efficiency and promoting the use of clean, renewable energy.

The Town will achieve its goal of reducing its overall energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by creating, funding, implementing, and maintaining energy-conservation procedures and practices. The procedures will be comprehensive, methodological, and dynamic. The Facilities Maintenance Department will propose procedures for review and approval by Town boards. Examples of procedures shall include using more energy efficient equipment, conservation utilities in buildings and infrastructure, and purchasing electricity from renewable resources.

The Town of Wellesley, through its Board of Selectmen and School Committee, has proactively taken a leadership role in promoting a sustainable future for our community.

As such, they have adopted this Energy Policy in its entirety. All Town of Wellesley employees, contractors, consultants, and vendors shall comply with this Policy. At no time shall any part of this Energy Policy be violated. Violation of the Policy shall be subject to action by the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. The success of this Energy Policy shall be measured by meeting or exceeding the energy use and greenhouse gas reduction goals as determined by annual audit. An annual report shall be issued for review, comment, and revision.