

APPENDIX 5

TOWN OF WELLESLEY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PLAN

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That the Town hereby approves the creation of a Sustainable Energy Committee and a sustainable energy coordinator position and amends the Town Bylaws by adding a new Article 12 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE to read as follows:

12.1 Membership. The Town shall have a Sustainable Energy Committee consisting of 7 members. The Board of Selectmen, the Municipal Light Board and the School Committee each shall appoint one member. These members may be a board member, officer, official or paid employee. The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint the remaining four members from residents active in the Town's volunteer sustainable energy initiatives or others who bring relevant expertise, such as knowledge about sustainable energy practices, marketing, or community engagement.

12.2 Term. The term of office shall be three years commencing on July 1. Members may be reappointed at the end of their term.

12.3 General Duties. The Committee shall propose sustainable energy goals, to reduce Town greenhouse gas emissions from the municipal, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional sectors, to Town Meeting. The Committee shall prepare a multiyear action plan to achieve the Town sustainable energy goals and shall revise it as needed. The Committee shall work with municipal departments, businesses, institutions, and civic and volunteer organizations to initiate and carry out actions to achieve these goals and shall coordinate municipal activity with initiatives of these other organizations. The Committee shall prepare an annual Townwide emissions inventory and develop an annual action plan that includes significant planned initiatives by both municipal and community organizations.

12.4 Staff. The Committee shall appoint a sustainable energy coordinator and such other staff as it deems necessary.

12.5 Annual Report. The Committee shall report to Annual Town Meeting on (a) the actions of the prior year, (b) emissions trends and performance as compared to the Town goals, (c) any proposed revisions to the multiyear Sustainable Energy Action Plan, and (d) recommended action plans for the coming year.

12.6. Budget. The Committee shall prepare an annual budget which will be subject to approval by the Selectmen. The Selectmen are responsible for presenting the budget to the Advisory Committee and for presenting the motion for the budget appropriation to Town Meeting.

12.7 General Provisions. The Committee shall also be governed by Articles 2 through 7 of these bylaws and other provisions of these bylaws applicable generally to all boards, except as it is specifically directed by law or a provision of these bylaws to act otherwise.

Provided, each appointing authority shall have thirty days after the above bylaw becoming effective to make their appointments, which shall be as follows:

- a. The three members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Municipal Light Board and School Committee shall be for an initial term of three years, and thereafter for a term of three years.
- b. The terms of the community members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall be two for an initial term of two years, and two for an initial term of one year, and thereafter each for a term of three years.