

ARTICLE 12. CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

(Established ATM 2010. Amended ATM 2018. Amended ATM 2021.)

12.1 Membership. The Town shall have a Climate Action Committee consisting of 7 members. The Select Board, 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 and may be a nonresident of the Town. The Select Board 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 climate action, sustainability, clean energy, 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 climate action 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 Climate Action Plan to achieve the Town greenhouse gas emissions 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 Town-wide 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 Sustainability Director 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 Climate 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 Select Board. The Select Board is 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.