

Overall Intention: To create a volunteer committee of knowledgeable citizens who can discuss information on the Town's climate-related activities and support the work of Town staff to identify opportunities and threats and address citizen concerns.

Energy and Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Committee

The purpose of the Energy and Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Committee is to prepare for and mitigate risks associated with natural disasters, climate change and other environmental challenges while supporting sustainable practices. The goal of the Committee is to identify resiliency opportunities aimed at protecting residents' quality of life, preserving the town's infrastructure and economy, ensuring access to emergency services, and reducing future municipal expenses.

The Committee is composed of nine (9) full time members appointed for staggered three-year terms, two of whom will be members of the Town's Alternative Energy Committee selected by vote of that committee. The Committee will also have two (2) alternate members who will be appointed for one-year terms. All members will possess knowledge, experience, and interest in climate mitigation and adaptation, energy conservation and efficiency, and/or renewable energy.

The charge of the Committee is to:

- a. Promote community engagement in climate action mitigation and adaptation strategies and energy conservation and efficiency
 - b. Identify, investigate, and recommend to the Select Board possible mitigation actions and adaptive strategies that anticipate and respond to the effects of natural disasters and climate change, such as warming temperatures, coastal erosion, weather-related damage, storm surge and other related impacts.
- Unanimous

The Committee's work will include identifying risks; educating the public; encouraging participation in emergency planning; Assisting in updating the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program; Coordinating Green Community projects and grant opportunities; Identifying energy conservation and efficiency measures (including renewable energy); and provide periodic reports to the Select Board. The Committee will work cooperatively with Town Committees and Departments, as well as regional and State entities as well as regional businesses, political leaders, government agencies, and public interest groups.