

Renewable Energy Committee

The Town Council goal number 2, Sustainable Community states that “*We are committed to a sustainable future and the implementation of policies and projects that improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community.*” In this stated goal the potential implementation opportunities identified are to take action on the report of the Alternative Energy Committee exploring solar options and less dependence on fossil fuels and to research state and local programs to assist local homeowners considering renewable forms of energy.

Within that stated goal, a possible option for the Council to consider is to establish the Alternative Energy Committee as a new standing committee, renamed as the Renewable Energy Committee. Under the format of the description of powers and duties, the committee’s duties and composition would be as described below.

Description of Committee powers and duties:

Make recommendations to the Town Council aimed toward advancing the Town’s long-term environmental sustainability goals.

Explore and make recommendations toward implementing sustainable energy options and examine energy cost savings in regard to return on investment. Explore the opportunity for grants, and make recommendations to the Town Council on applying for grants.

Promote and educate the public on sustainable energy efforts and opportunities. This includes but is not limited to what neighboring communities are doing in pursuit of environmental sustainability goals, while lowering energy costs.

Committee Composition:

Five member board
Staggered three-year terms
Committee meets every other month, or more as needed

Initial Appointment:

2 members 1/2018 to 1/2021
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1 member 1/2018 to 1/2019