

PURPOSE

To determine the feasibility of combining the Recycling Committee and Renewable Energy Committee

PROCESS

- 1. What are the pros, cons and other considerations?**
- 2. What are your thoughts on what other communities are doing?**
- 3. How do you define sustainability?**

Review purpose of each committee

- **Recycling Committee**

The Recycling Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Recycling Committee shall be to promote recycling of solid waste in the community, provide environmental stewardship and protect the environment.

Duties:

The Recycling Committee shall have the following duties:

- a. Recommend policies that increase reuse and recycling in the community and promote environmental stewardship.
- b. Conduct public education and promotional efforts to increase recycling.
- c. Monitor recycling trends and changes in the solid waste industry.

- **Renewable Energy Committee**

The Renewable Energy Committee shall consist of five (5) members.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Renewable Energy Committee shall be to promote community sustainable energy generation and use practices. 8 3.

Duties:

The Renewable Energy Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Make recommendations to the Town Council that advance community sustainability goals.
- b. Research, evaluate and recommend sustainable energy options that implement goals. Evaluation shall include an analysis of anticipated energy cost savings and return on investment. Explore opportunities for grants, and make recommendations to submit grant applications.
- c. Conduct public education and promotion of sustainable energy efforts and opportunities, including but not limited to activities in neighboring

communities to pursue environmental sustainability while lowering energy costs.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Please review the attached links for background

What are other communities doing?

ENERGY & RECYCLING

- South Portland: <http://www.southportland.org/our-city/board-and-committees/energy-recycling-committee/>
- Falmouth: <https://www.falmouthme.org/recycling-energy-advisory-committee>
- Saco: http://www.sacomaine.org/departments/boards_and_committees/energy_and_sustainability_committee.php

ENERGY

- Scarborough: <http://www.scarboroughmaine.org/town-government/boards-committees/energy-committee>

SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSPORTATION

- Portland: <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/586/Sustainability-Transportation-Committee>

AREA TOWNS - SUSTAINABILITY OFFICES

- South Portland: <http://www.southportland.org/departments/sustainability-office/>
- Portland: <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/1890/Sustainability-Office>
- Falmouth: Kimberly Darling (Energy & Sustainability Coordinator)
- Scarborough: <http://www.scarboroughmaine.org/departments/sustainability>

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

<https://www.pressherald.com/2018/03/04/portland-south-portland-join-forces-to-prepare-for-climate-change/>