

Colchester Selectboard - Energy Committee Policy

Energy Committee: The Colchester Selectboard hereby appoints the Colchester Planning Commission as the Colchester Energy Committee (EC) on behalf of the Town. The Energy Committee shall provide policy input to the Deputy Town Manager and Planning Coordinator in administration and implementation of the Town's Energy Plan as adopted in the Town Plan. The Energy Committee shall: implement the Energy Scorecard for Preferred Sites and recommend changes to the Selectboard from time to time as needed; propose energy siting standards for incorporation into the Town Development Regulations; propose amendments to municipal regulations that will reduce energy and increase sustainability in construction while considering the need for affordability; and, provide a forum for ongoing reporting on energy.

Town staff shall be the primary agents of energy efficiency improvements and local energy production, and shall coordinate with the Town Manager, Department Heads, and Selectboard on recommended projects and project funding. Given Colchester's size and resources, energy duties shall be made as collateral assignments to existing positions.

The Deputy Town Manager shall:

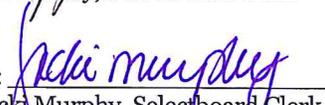
- Reduce municipal energy consumption through implementation of energy saving projects in municipal buildings and facilities which are also at least revenue neutral over a reasonable time frame considering the cost and lifespan of the equipment being replaced, building state, and lifespan and cost of new equipment.
- Identify, fund and implement local energy production in a cost effective manner.
- Make quarterly reports on energy activities to the Selectboard and Energy Committee and draft an annual report to the Town for consideration by the Town Energy Committee.

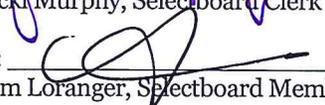
The Planning Coordinator shall:

- Work with permit applicants to understand efficiency requirements under State and Colchester regulations and make referrals to energy efficiency agencies.
- Promote partnerships or referral relationships between the Town, residents/businesses, and groups such as Button Up Vermont, Efficiency Vermont, Green Mountain Power, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity to pursue grants and promote information on weatherization and other energy improvements.
- Review and recommend to the Planning Commission updated parking standards and standards for electric car charging stations in the Development Review Standards to encourage efficiencies in the transportation sector.
- Use the Vermont Energy Dashboard and keep updated information on energy efficiency measures.

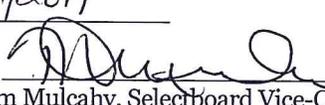
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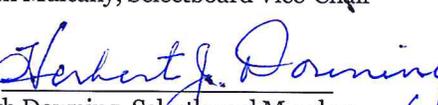
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