



# **TOWN OF BARRINGTON**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Office of the Select Board

### **Energy Committee Charge**

1. The Barrington Energy Committee's mission is to further sustainability and livability in Barrington by promoting environmental stewardship and renewable energy, encouraging energy conservation and energy efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and encouraging green initiatives both within the municipality and beyond to reach businesses and residents.
2. The Committee is encouraged to recommend municipal energy and energy efficiency projects that would result in cost savings for Barrington.
3. In order to play a supportive role and function as a resource to the Select Board, Town Departments, and other boards, committees, and commissions, the Energy Committee should learn about existing conditions in Barrington in matters relating to energy conservation, energy efficiency, ways to decrease town energy cost, and the reduction of Barrington's greenhouse gas emissions, and then work with the Town to make appropriate recommendations, in matters including but not limited to these areas:
  - a. Municipal buildings, facilities and operations
  - b. Fuels, vehicles, machinery and transportation
  - c. Agriculture and landscaping
  - d. Waste management
  - e. Responsible purchasing
  - f. Housing and building codes
  - g. Energy production and zoning concerning it
  - h. Air quality
4. Build awareness among Barrington residents, businesses, and other organizations regarding their energy consumption habits and demands, and the availability of more efficient, cost effective, and/or renewable energy resources.
5. Promote the incorporation of energy efficient features in new construction or renovation (both public and private) through education and outreach.
6. Seek grant opportunities and partnerships, where necessary, to provide financial assistance in the implementation of innovative energy initiatives.
7. Work collaboratively with the Conservation Commission and Town Lands Committee regarding shared goals. Work collaboratively with the Planning Board regarding regulations and ordinances.
8. Follow all Right to Know (RSA 91-A) rules for public meetings including posting, open meetings, and minutes. This is an advisory subcommittee of the Select Board. The Select Board will have oversight and approval authority on recommendations.
9. Members of the committee and any presenters/contributors should be open and transparent about any desire or potential for financial gain related to Town energy projects. Additionally, should the Town develop and advertise a Request for Proposals (or similar) anyone with a real or perceived conflict should recuse themselves from that phase of the process.