

Alternate Energy/Wind Energy Committee Charge

Members

The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members serving one (1) year renewable terms. The Committee shall meet no less than monthly.

Purpose

The Renewable Alternate Energy Committee is an Ad Hoc committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen to advise the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen in identifying ways to help control the escalating costs of energy in the Town of Milton.

Charge

1. Work with the Town staff to develop a reporting system to benchmark current energy usage by the Town.
2. Identify potential ways of reducing energy usage and costs. Methods of reducing energy costs may include but no be limited to: Conservation, technical improvements, monitoring, cogeneration, alternate sources of power generation such as wind, hydro, solar and methane recapture, hybrid technologies and geo thermal energy.
3. Propose targets for reduction of energy usage and help Town staff develop an action plan to achieve these targets.
4. Advise the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen during development of budget articles relating to renewable/alternate energy strategies. Work may include proposing bylaw changes to allow for construction of new technologies.
5. Identify and assist the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen with applications for grant applications and other non-tax methods of funding proposed projects.
6. Keep the public informed as to the progress of the committee's efforts by reporting periodically to the Board of Selectmen and holding public information meetings.
7. Of the ten (10) members of the R/A Energy Committee, five (5) members will be named to a subcommittee dedicated to discussions of wind energy and to investigate and/or propose potential wind energy sites within the Town of Milton on Town owned land. The subcommittee on wind studies shall report directly to the Board of Selectmen.