



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Establishment of a Charge for the Temporary Energy and Climate Planning Task Force

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider adopting a charge for a temporary Energy and Climate Planning Task Force, designed to spearhead the community portion of the Town's Energy and Climate Protection Plan. A draft charge has been prepared for the Board's consideration.

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INFORMATION: At the May 20, 2014 meeting, the Board received a draft of the Energy and Climate Protection Plan report, an interdepartmental effort to improve energy efficiency within the Town operations and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The report has been designed as two parts. The first portion, which focuses on Town operations, is largely underway with a link to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The second portion of the plan envisioned as community outreach and education would focus on programs relating to what local residents can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The May 20th agenda item included a resolution for the creation of a temporary task force charged with facilitating the community component of the Energy and Climate Protection Plan.

Staff anticipates that the proposed task force will consist of seven members, who will meet for a period of approximately one year beginning in the summer of 2014. Members will be charged with supporting Town staff with the preparation of the community sector of the Energy and Climate Protection Plan to include assistance with the proposed outreach forum scheduled for the fall of 2014 as part of the Planning Board's annual community planning month activities.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Costs are associated with advertising for task force membership, staff support for the task force, and outreach and education efforts. Costs for these activities are expected to be covered by currently budgeted funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the attached resolution, establishing the charge for the temporary Energy and Climate Protection Planning Task Force and directing the Town Clerk to begin advertising for applicants.