



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Energy and Climate Action Task Force Community Climate Action Plan

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Energy and Climate Action Task Force to provide an update on the draft Community Climate Action Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: At the May 27, 2014 meeting, the Board of Aldermen created a temporary Energy and Climate Action Task Force charged with supporting the Town with community planning for climate mitigation/protection and resiliency. The Task Force was asked to prepare a report to submit to the Board of Aldermen that provided recommendations for new actions to reduce nonrenewable energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from residential and commercial buildings and transportation, promote renewable energy, and better manage vegetation, soil, and impervious surfaces to capture carbon, reduce energy use in buildings, mitigate the heat island effect, and reduce stormwater runoff.

Using information from the advisory board 2014 fall forum series reports as a starting point, the Task Force has deliberated in 2014 and 2015, presented a draft Community Climate Action Plan to the Board of Aldermen on June 23rd and to Advisory Boards on September 3rd, and has subsequently updated the draft plan and considered the feedback from the Board of Aldermen and Advisory Boards. The Task Force would like to update the Board on its deliberations, and is seeking a final Board review of the draft plan. This Community Climate Action Plan forwards the Town's participation in the Cities for Climate Protection campaign. It is designed as a companion document to the Energy and Climate Protection Plan adopted in May of 2014, which focuses on Town operations. In tandem, the plans are major steps toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting the environment, and engaging the broader community.

A public hearing date of April 26, 2016 has been identified to allow time to share the plan with the public. Public outreach will begin with a drop in session tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2016

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There is no fiscal or staff impact associated with accepting the Task Force's report and draft plan. If the Board chooses to set a public hearing as a step in formally adopting the plan, the Town will incur the typical costs associated with holding a public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board 1) receive the Task Force presentation and draft Community Climate Action Plan; and 2) adopt the draft resolution directing staff to set a public hearing April 26, 2016.