

# Energy Action Committee

February 21 , 2023; 7:00PM

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## Agenda - Amended

- 1) Meeting Announcement
- 2) Approval of minutes from January 30 meeting
- 3) Heat Pump advocacy – discussion on concerns with installer availability
- 4) Updates from members on action items
  - a) Transportation
  - b) Safety Building
  - c) Foster School
  - d) HMLP
- 5) Presentation of the Climate Action Plan; followed by any discussion (available here: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/917/Climate-Action-Planning-Committee>)
- 6) Discuss / review the EAC annual report to the town
- 7) Discussion: EAC Charter / Article 41 Review -> what would the committee recommend to the town for any changes (see attached for reference)
- 8) Upcoming meeting dates
- 9) Public comment
- 10) Ajourn

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Annual Town Meeting

April 28, 2008

**ARTICLE 41.** Will the Town (1) establish a permanent Energy Action Committee and (2) appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Energy Action Committee to implement the energy plan as prepared by the Energy Policy Committee and carry forward the mission to reduce the energy footprint of the Town, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted at the request of the Energy Policy Committee)

**COMMENT:** The Board of Selectmen established a temporary Energy Policy Committee in November 2006 to benchmark the energy footprint of the Town and develop a plan to understand and control energy consumption, raise public awareness, and reduce the Town's impact on the environment. The Town Administrator and the Energy Policy Committee submitted this article to establish a standing Energy Action Committee to continue the work of the Energy Policy Committee by performing the following duties: (1) implement the short and long-term energy plan recommendations as approved by the Board of Selectmen; (2) continually monitor the energy footprint and act accordingly per the established targets; (3) submit an annual line item funding request for approval by the Board of Selectmen; (4) increase public awareness; (5) mobilize citizen volunteers to assist in implementing the energy plan; and (6) continue to develop and implement energy-related recommendations based on market conditions and available technologies.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town establish an Energy Action Committee with seven members: three citizens to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three citizens to be appointed by the Moderator, and the General Manager of the Municipal Light Plant (or designee), with the chair of said Committee to be jointly designated by the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator. The Town Accountant and the Business Manager of the School Department (or their designees) will serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Committee.