

**Town of Cohasset**  
**Alternative Energy Committee (AEC)**  
***Established by the Board of Selectmen, 5.7.19***

**BACKGROUND**

An Energy Sources Committee was formed at a 2005 Town Meeting for the sole purpose of delivering a report on alternative energy resources, and continued functioning beyond its expected sunset in 2006.

Since its formation, the AEC has provided immense value to the Town through an expansion of its tenure and mandate to recommend to the Town energy-related policy and grant opportunities. This document sets up a renewed **Alternative Energy Committee**, appointed and reporting to the Board of Selectmen, to continue the progress the prior committee has made.

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**CHARGE**

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen hereby tasks the **Alternative Energy Committee** with the following goals and objectives:

- Investigate and identify alternative energy resources and opportunities for municipal energy efficiency and resilience;
- Support the Town Manager and his staff in exploring grants and procurement options that maximize safety, energy efficiency, and reduced emissions;
- Investigate community-wide, residential and business, energy efficient and clean energy options;
- Contribute to public awareness and education on Town initiatives and long-term benefits of achieving Cohasset's strategic energy efficiency objectives;
- Together with the Town Manager, report to the BOS quarterly on the Town's progress and the cost-saving benefits of meeting the objectives of the Green Community status and other energy-based policies that benefit the Town and its citizens;
- Support other committees, as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

**COMPOSITION**

The Alternative Energy Committee shall consist of seven members of the public with demonstrated interest and relevant skills. Terms will be 3 years. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen initially with staggered terms: 3 members for 3 years, 3 members for 2 years and 1 member for 1 year. The Town Manager or his designee will serve *ex officio*.