

CHARGE TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen hereby establishes a standing committee to be known as the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee, hereinafter defined as the Committee.

The Committee shall be composed of five regular and two associate members who will serve staggered three-year terms, and who possess knowledge, experience and interest in renewable energy and energy efficiency/conservation. The Assistant Planner shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Committee.

The Committee shall identify and review renewable energy options that meet the goals and objectives established by the Board of Selectmen and that build upon the work of prior committees. The Committee shall explore and analyze topics such as energy production facilities and infrastructure, efficiency and conservation measures, regional opportunities, funding sources, business costs and revenues, and public outreach and education.

In developing its reports, the Committee shall work with and make recommendations to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen regarding the engagement of such outside sources and consultants as it believes are necessary to support its charge.

The Committee's work shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- 1) Assist with the development of Town and regional energy projects and identify Town facilities to be served by future Town and/or regional projects;
- 2) Assist with the identification of energy efficiency upgrades to municipal facilities and equipment, including the transportation fleet;
- 3) Advance Orleans toward becoming a qualified Green Community in order to access Green Community grants and funding opportunities for renewable energy projects;
- 4) Provide and promote broad energy education to the public, in cooperation with government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the business community.
- 5) Provide quarterly reports to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator on Committee activities, findings, and recommendations.

DATE APPROVED: