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SELECT BOARD

TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR

ORLEANS ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Orleans Select Board hereby establishes a standing committee to be known as the Orleans Energy and Climate Action Committee, hereinafter defined as the Committee.

The Committee shall be composed of seven regular and two associate members who will serve staggered three-year terms, and who possess knowledge, experience, and interest in renewable energy, energy efficiency/conservation, and climate action.

1. The charge of the Committee is to:
 - a) Educate the community on energy conservation and efficiency and climate action mitigation and adaption strategies.
 - b) Reduce the community's contribution to climate change with a focus on ensuring our energy infrastructure is cleaner, leaner, and more resilient.
 - c) Prepare, coordinate, and execute mitigation actions and adaptation strategies that anticipate and respond to the effects of climate change.

2. The Committee's work shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a) Educate residents and businesses on energy conservation and efficiency, expected climate change hazards, and impacts and mitigation opportunities.
 - b) Establishment of energy and emissions inventories for the town and the setting of goals for energy and emissions reductions.
 - c) Identify energy conservation and efficiency measures, including renewable energy and recycling options, that meet the goals and objectives established by the Select Board.
 - d) Identify and assist with the development of town and regional energy projects.
 - e) Identify and coordinate Green Community projects and grant opportunities for renewable energy.
 - f) Encourage and participate in emergency planning.
 - g) Formulate and advance mitigation and adaptation strategies to build on the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce vulnerabilities and with grant support from the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program, complete a vulnerability assessment and develop an action-oriented resiliency plan.
 - h) With grant support from Massachusetts Coastal Resilience Grant Program, assist the shellfishing industry to develop a resiliency plan.
 - i) Provide quarterly reports to the Select Board and Town Administrator on activities, findings, and recommendations. In developing its reports, the Committee shall work with and make recommendations to the Town Administrator and Select Board regarding the engagement of such outside sources and consultants as it believes are necessary to support its charge.

3. The Committee will work in cooperation with the Select Board and other standing town committees, as well as with town employees, in carrying out its charge. This will include but not be limited to:
 - a) Affordable Housing Committee.
 - b) Conservation Commission.
 - c) Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Committee.
 - d) Open Space Committee.
 - e) Planning Board (in assessing the efficacy of Town by-laws).
 - f) Shellfish and Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee.
 - g) Marine and Fresh Water Quality Committee.

The Committee will also seek the cooperation and assistance of relevant governmental agencies (e.g., Cape Light Compact, Cape Cod Commission, etc.), non-profit organizations, businesses, and the public.

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