

Concord Energy Future Task Force Holds Public Meeting March 29th

Concord's Energy Future Task Force (Task Force) submitted its final report to the Select Board and will hold a public meeting at the Concord Town House at 7 PM on March 29th. The Select Board charged the Task Force with creating a framework for a town-wide energy plan that will minimize Concord's carbon footprint and be sustainable in the near and long-term future.

The Task Force recommended as town-wide goals applicable to all sectors: (1) a 25% reduction in greenhouse (GHG) gases by 2020; and an 80% reduction by 2050. These GHG goals would align Concord with the Massachusetts 2008 *Global Warming Solutions Act*. The Task Force has also offered recommendations, which are further outlined in the report, to assist Concord achieve these goals.

Drawing upon the Task Force's work, the Select Board has drafted Warrant Article 51 that will be heard and voted on at Concord's Annual Town Meeting in late April. Approval of the warrant article will adopt the GHG goals outlined above; reduce GHG emissions of Concord Municipal Light Plant's electricity supply; allocate funds to engage a Director of Energy and engage one or more consultants to advise the Town Manager and Director of Energy on the development of an implementation plan to achieve these goals.

A copy of the Task Force's report is available at: <http://www.concordma.gov/1098/Energy-Future-Task-Force>