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TISBURY CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Date of Formation: August 24, 2021

Appointment Authority: Select Board

Composition of Committee: 7 members at large that must be residents of the Town of Tisbury and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk and adhere to regulations of the Open Meeting Laws of the Attorney General's Office. Members preferred with experience and background in: Energy, Business, Conservation, Finance, Public Works, Business, Planning, and related fields.

Term of Members: Up to 3-year appointments

Staff Resources: Ex-officio representation, Town Administrator

Charge:

The Committee is to advise and support the Select Board on energy and climate matters. The Committee will work to protect and enhance the Town's safety, health, natural assets, and fiscal stability by enhancing community understanding and engagement in the climate crisis, by developing and recommending emergency and adaptation strategies that will strengthen the Town's resilience and by establishing goals and policy leading to increased sustainability and greatly reduced reliance on extracted resources. The Committee will review and make recommendation of rules, regulations and policies affecting Energy and Climate.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

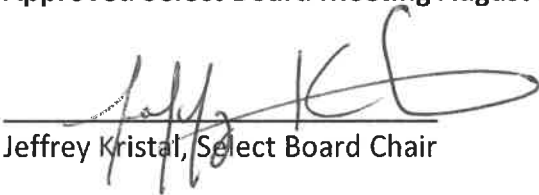
- review prior energy, climate change adaptation reports and projects (including but not limited to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Project report) study the impacts of energy and climate change specific to the town
- develop town action plan to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Master Plan that responds to energy and climate change and builds on the existing Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan and climate resiliency work currently underway by town boards, committees, and departments
- identify critical concerns related to potential vulnerabilities of the energy infrastructure of the Town of Tisbury
- recommend feasible projects for energy conservation and for renewable energy use

- identify and make recommendation on adaptation strategies
- pursue grant funding for priority projects
- represent the Town on the Martha's Vineyard Climate Action Task Force and Climate Resilience Committee, Cape and Vineyard Electrical Collaborative (CVEC), Cape Light Compact, state with Greener-Communities Program
- develop implementation guidelines on energy conservation and climate change adaptation and mitigation
- provide town-wide educational outreach for citizens
- engage stakeholders in the discussion of mitigation and adaptation measures
- receive comments and suggestions from the public, hold public meetings/hearings as appropriate, post agendas and publish minutes of their proceedings and file an Annual Report.
- facilitate the coordination of efforts with other town officials and consultants working on climate related projects.
- recommend policies to the Select Board and Planning Board that explicitly address climate change risks
- review warrant articles related to energy and climate and track progress
- develop and recommend a methodology to benchmark, track progress towards the goals of the action plan, and produce an annual report
- comply with the Select Board Policies for Commissions, Committees and Task Forces.

Other Duties, Responsibilities and Requirements:

See Select Board Policy for Town Board, Committee or Task Force dated May 12, 2020

Approved Select Board Meeting August 24, 2021



Jeffrey Kristal, Select Board Chair