

Pam Mullen

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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Phil Dechert; Pam Mullen
Subject: recommendation to SB re VT Climate Pledge Coalition
Attachments: VT Climate Pledge Coalition resolution.doc

Phil and Pam: can this email and attachment be included in the Planning Commission agenda for 12/14 under "Correspondence"? Sorry for not getting this to you sooner.

Planning Commission members -- The Norwich Energy Committee asks that you join us and the Norwich Conservation Commission in recommending that the Selectboard join the VT Climate Pledge Coalition.

The resolution that both groups are recommending is attached. For your reference, here is the website of the Coalition <http://vermontclimatepledge.org/>

Also, the Selectboard approved in 2014 a "Strategic Plan" relating to energy: <http://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Norwich-Strategic-Plan-2014-09-05-Interim-Energy.pdf>

Next steps if you join in recommending this action by the Selectboard:

- I will circulate to you a cover memo for the Selectboard on this recommendation, before submitting it to the Selectboard
- I will keep you posted on when this is on the Selectboard agenda

Thank you for your consideration!

Linda Gray
chair, Norwich Energy Committee

Item #5

Norwich Selectboard Resolution on Climate Change

WHEREAS, human greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are increasing global temperatures at an unprecedented rate, and continued GHG emissions will result in further destabilizing local and global climate systems; and,

WHEREAS, detrimental changes to the climate systems upon which all living creatures depend and upon which human societies depend will cause catastrophic impacts for the people of Norwich, Vermont; the United States; and countries around the globe; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has withdrawn from the United Nations Climate Change Conference's Paris Agreement, an international agreement to begin to deal with our collective GHG emissions; and a variety of state, municipalities, organizations, and businesses are stepping in to show the world that people in the United States ARE committed to tackling the looming climate crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Selectboard of the Town of Norwich hereby:

1. Joins the State of Vermont and other communities and businesses in the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition, and in so doing, pledges to meet or exceed the obligations for the United States in the Paris Agreement; and,
2. Directs the Town Manager to work with municipal departments, town committees, and the public to develop and implement strategies and actions to effectively minimize GHG emissions.

APPROVED this ____ day of January, 2018.

Mary Layton, Chair

John Pepper, Vice Chair

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Steve Flanders

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