

GOFFSTOWN ENERGY COMMISSION (GEC)
Ad Hoc Commission established November 16, 2015

Mission/Objectives: The Goffstown Energy Commission will serve as an advisory committee to the Goffstown Board of Selectmen on issues related to energy, conservation, greenhouse gas reduction and sustainability. The goal of the GEC is to promote and encourage energy conservation measures for Goffstown's residents, businesses and municipal operations. The commission will work with the Town staff to review current energy efficiency practices and possible future actions. The commission's work will be available to the Planning Board as a resource with respect to energy consideration in the next Master Plan update. The commission will also work with non-profit organizations for technical assistance in a variety of areas.

Some of the commission's objectives include:

1. Increase public awareness and encourage participation in the reduction of energy consumption and carbon emissions; opportunities relating to sustainability and renewable energy sources
2. Research energy related issues and actions taken by other Local Energy Commissions in New Hampshire
3. Gather educational and informational resources for the use of residents, businesses and the Town
4. Develop a plan to address the short and long term energy needs of Goffstown. The plan may include projects such as:
 - a. Assess the Town building energy usage by implementing a benchmarking software program
 - b. Conduct an energy audit of each municipal building
 - c. Research energy efficiency standards and regulations being implemented by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Energy and Planning
 - d. Research grant and rebate opportunities through the local utility company and other sources
 - e. Develop recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to improve efficiencies in energy and fuel use town wide

Membership: The members of the GEC shall be comprised of four public members who are residents of Goffstown, who have interest, skills and experience related to energy conservation, and representatives or designees from the following boards: Board of Selectmen; Planning Board; and School Board. All members are voting members.

Deliverables/Deadlines: The GEC will provide the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen with quarterly updates, and an Annual Report by the end of January each year which shall include:

- a. Recommendations for improving energy efficiency in municipal buildings and grants/rebates available for such improvements;
- b. Recommendations for improving energy efficiency in the town's fleet of vehicles and grants/rebates available for improvements;
- c. Recommendations to the Planning Board for Master Plan update.

Operational Constraints/Guidelines: This Commission shall follow the "Procedures of the Board of Selectmen and Committees appointed by the Board of Selectmen". There shall be no non-public sessions unless approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Secretary will be responsible to notify the Selectmen's secretary of their meeting schedule so that the meeting can be posted in accordance with the Right-to-Know Law. The Commission's Secretary shall also submit minutes of their meeting within 5 business days to the Selectmen's Secretary in the same format as other committee minutes. The Selectmen's Secretary will post these minutes to the town's website and provide a copy to the Town Clerk.

Specific Period of Existence: This committee is in existence until all their recommendations in their Annual Report have been acted upon by the Board of Selectmen i.e. accepted or rejected.