

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 18-27
COUNCIL MTG OF: March 6, 2018
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Expand the Charge of the Net Zero Task Force

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Please see information below.

BACKGROUND:

The Town Council through separate actions previously established two committees which focus on similar issues. Pursuant to a directive from the Town Council, set forth herein and on the attached Committee Charge is a proposal to merge the Committees into the Net Zero Task Force.

DISCUSSION:

The Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC) was established by the Town Council in 2009 with its main mission to educate the public on energy conservation measures and energy efficiencies, and to support local initiatives which are consistent with the Mission of the Committee.

The Net Zero Task Force (NZTF) was initially created by the Council in 2016, and later designated as a standing committee by the Council in 2017. The Task Force's main missions is to focus on sustainable energy strategies for public buildings.

While the EEAC is comprised of community volunteers, the NZTF's membership consists of one volunteer and representatives from many stakeholder groups in the community. As the Committees implement their respective charge, the Town has experienced events whereby both committees may logically take the lead and/or support the other's activities. Municipal efficiencies suggest that these Committees should be merged to provide more synergy and resources for mission-related projects.

The attached draft By-Laws incorporates the primary mission from each organization; maintains the stakeholder representation as currently included on NZTF and expands the number of citizen volunteers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND MOTION BY COUNCIL:

See attached Resolution #2018-011