

Town of Derry
Net Zero Task Force
Bylaws
PROPOSED January 4, 2022

I. Mission

The Task Force Mission is to explore and achieve cost effective solutions for reduced energy use and sustainable energy development on town controlled property, municipal buildings, vehicles and schools, while developing a comprehensive plan to achieve the goal of "Net Zero" compliance by all key stakeholders by 2025. Additionally, to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and explore other ways to reduce carbon emissions among the Town's residents and businesses. Lastly, to reduce water usage where feasible. Net Zero is the act of producing as much energy as one consumes.

II. Goals

1. Determine current energy, electric, water use and waste. Based on these results, the committee will work toward Derry's energy usage becoming net zero by the year 2025.
2. Determine what municipal, school and Pinkerton properties could be targeted for improvement. Determine the feasibility of implementing these improvements.
3. Determine logical and stretch goals including short and long term.
4. Determine the costs and benefits to the community as a whole. Seek funding in the form of grants from State and Federal governments to help reduce the burden on taxpayers.

5. Goals shall include public awareness campaigns to help residents and businesses reduce energy consumption.
6. Support local initiatives which are consistent with the Mission of this Task Force.
7. The committee will work with town officials to help meet certification standards as outlined by the Green Vehicles/Green Buildings Initiative.

III. Membership

One member from each group, as named by the Appointing Authority of each group:

Conservation Commission/Go Green

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Planning Board

Derry Cooperative School District

Pinkerton Academy

~~Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce~~

Derry Public Works Department *designee*

The Town Council shall appoint the following representatives:

~~Local Derry Business Representative~~

Four members of the community

Town Council Liaison

Three Alternate members:

Code Enforcement, Town of Derry

~~Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce~~

~~Two~~ One member of the community

Local Derry Business Representative

Terms for the Task Force members shall be for three years. ~~During the initial term of office, one member shall be appointed to March 31, 2019; two members shall be appointed to March 31, 2020 and one member shall be appointed to March 31, 2021.~~

IV. Officers

The Task Force shall elect the following officers at its first meeting of the group after the scheduled appointments:

- A. Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Task Force when he or she is present and shall direct the work of the Task Force. The Chair may appoint chairs of any standing sub-committees from the membership (including alternate members) as approved by the Task Force. The chair shall submit a report to the Town Council after the Task Force has met for 6 months. The Chair shall ensure continuing liaison between the Task Force, the Town Council and other town agencies and departments. The Chair shall set the agenda, send the approved minutes to the Town Clerk and post notices of Task Force meetings and give notice to members when necessary.
- B. Vice chairperson shall assume all duties and powers of the chairperson in his or her absence. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in all Task Force planning and activities.
- C. Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Task Force and record any action taken.

V. Meetings

The Task Force meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with NH RSA 91-A and be held the third Thursday of the month from 6-7:30pm in Room 207 of the Derry

Municipal Building. The time and place of each meeting shall be posted in accordance with these requirements. All meetings will be held in accordance with the Derry Town Charter and will follow Robert's Rules of Order.

~~Six~~ *Five* members shall constitute a quorum. Members shall make every effort to attend all meetings and perform such duties as are assigned. Any member unable to attend a meeting shall notify the Chair of the Task Force in advance whenever possible.

VI. Amendments

These by-laws can be amended anytime by any member bringing forward that amendment at a scheduled public meeting. A discussion will follow and a second reading of the amendment will be read at the following scheduled public meeting. If there are no changes a motion and second must be made then a vote of the majority present will be taken. If the vote is in the affirmative, then this amendment will become active immediately. If the vote is a tie or a no vote then the amendment will fail. Amendments shall not become effective until approved by the Town Council.

Revised & Approved: 09/03/19