

THE SANDWICH ENERGY COMMITTEE



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The Sandwich Energy Committee (SEC) was created by the Board of Selectmen in response to the Town's Alternative Energy Initiative Report of October 30, 2007. This report recommends "the formation of an energy committee with a broad scope of duties." The SEC currently consists of seven citizen, volunteer members who are appointed annually by the Selectmen. The three pillars of the SEC are energy production, energy efficiency, and education/outreach. Since the SEC's formation, the Town is making or has made progress in the following areas:

Energy Production



- Installed 3 kilowatts of Solar Power at the Jan Sebastian Drive Town Office
- Generating \$500 worth of clean, renewable energy each year
- Investigating wind power through the Mass Clean Energy Center

Energy Efficiency



- Benchmarking and tracking Town energy use using free, internet based software
- Identifying ways to improve efficiency throughout Town
- Set a goal to reduce Town energy use by 10%

Energy Education



- Using the Town's web site to post energy information for residents
- Purchased science kits for schools using Clean Energy Choice grant funding
- Introducing energy, efficiency, and electricity concepts to elementary school children

Our Mission

"The charge of the Sandwich Energy Committee (SEC) is to investigate, study, and recommend viable methods for achieving energy and resource conservation, as well as renewable and alternative energy production. The SEC also will promote energy education within our town. The SEC will strive to do this through cooperation with governmental agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, as well as the general public."



Sustainability

The SEC has a long-term view and we believe we are working towards a more self-sufficient, sustainable community. How we produce and use energy overlap with a number of other



activities that support a sustainable future for our Town. The SEC joins together with other organizations and Town Departments with similar goals and:

- Is targeting energy related items from the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan for action
- Is helping the Town evaluate provisions under the Green Community Act that allow for "Green Community" designation
- Is supporting the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce as it launches its "Cape and Island Green" Program
- Has facilitated the Town's membership in the Cape and Vineyard Electrical Co-operative. The goal of CVEC is to stabilize electric rates. CVEC uses "net-metering" to provide 90% of the energy produced by a renewable project to the host community

Energy Information

To save money on your electric bill, sign up for a FREE home energy audit by calling 1-800-797-6699 or going to: www.capelightcompact.org/home_energy_audit.html

For natural gas customers looking for ways to IMPROVE EFFICIENCY and SAVE MONEY, visit: www.powerofaction.com/efficiency or call 1-800-233-5325

For information on appliance exchange REBATES: www.masssave.com/residential

Visit Massachusetts Clean Energy Center at www.masscec.com to LEARN about state renewable energy programs and services

Go to www.dsireusa.org to get information on federal and state INCENTIVES AND POLICIES that promote renewable energy and efficiency

Lots of ENERGY INFORMATION can be found at www.energystar.gov

To learn about CAPE COD BICYCLING visit www.capecodbikeguide.com/trails.asp

To learn more on CVEC go to www.cvecinc.org

For GREEN COMMUNITIES ACT information go to www.mass.gov/doer

Find out about the CAPE AND ISLAND GREEN program at www.sandwichchamber.com/GreenBusinesses.html

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Bike Paths



Sandwich has formed a sub-committee to study the feasibility of establishing user friendly bike paths in town, similar to those found in many other Cape Cod communities. If you are interested in getting involved in this effort, please contact the Town's Planning & Development Office at planning@townofsandwich.net or call 508-833-8001.