

LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE (LEC) CHARGE

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

Some of the committee's objectives include:

- Increase public awareness and encourage participation in the reduction of energy consumption and carbon emissions; opportunities relating to sustainability and renewable energy sources,
- Research energy related issues and actions taken by other Local Energy Committees in New Hampshire,
- Gather educational and informational resources for the use of residents, businesses and the town,
- Develop a plan to address the short and long term energy needs of Meredith. The plan may include projects such as:
 1. Assess town energy usage by conducting a green house gas and energy inventory,
 2. Conduct an energy audit for each municipal building,
 3. Research energy efficiency ordinances and regulations being implemented in New Hampshire to share with the Planning Board,
 4. Research grant opportunities that may be available to LECs,
 5. Develop recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to improve efficiencies in energy and fuel use town-wide.

Committee Composition

The committee shall be comprised of seven voting members as follows:

- 1 Planning Board representative
- 1 Board of Selectmen representative
- 1 School District representative
- 1 Business Community / Chamber of Commerce Representative
- 3 Meredith residents (having interest, skills and experience related to energy/ energy conservation)

Staff Support

Primary staff support will be provided by the Community Development Department (Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner and John Edgar, Community Development Director). Additional support and participation from other municipal departments will be provided as directed by the Town Manager.

Timeframe:

The committee will provide the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen with periodic updates/ progress reports. It envisioned that the committee's final report would be submitted to the Board of Selectmen on or before December 31, 2010.