

## **TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**

### **RESOLUTION PROPOSING CLEAN ENERGY COMMITMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock promotes conservation and the study of the use of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, electricity generation produces more harmful air pollution than any other single human activity and emission from traditional methods contribute significantly to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. energy needs are expected to grow by 33% over the next 20 years and clean technologies can be developed and deployed in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced in a cost-effective manner that enhances economic development by applying currently available energy efficiency technologies and renewable energy programs that save money, create jobs and strengthen local economies; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy resources – such as wind, solar and wastewater residuals are constantly replenishing themselves, and, if properly managed, will be available to serve our energy needs forever leading to energy independence; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Legislature has mandated the creation of a clean energy option for consumers who will be able to sign up for clean energy on their electric bill; and

WHEREAS, the 20% by 2010 campaign is a Connecticut not-for-profit initiative that has undertaken an effort to encourage community action in support of putting Connecticut's customers on a path to having 20% of their energy supply come from clean, renewable energy sources by 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Conservation Commission has consulted with The Connecticut Clean Energy Options Program and reviewed information on the State's 20% by 2010 Campaign as well as the electric companies Smart Power initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodstock Board of Selectmen recognizes and supports the goal of the SmartPower 20% by 2010 campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Woodstock will adopt the goal of making at least 20% of its energy purchases come from renewable energy sources by the year 2010, and encourage the Town to undertake further energy and fuel efficiency measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Woodstock shall encourage all of its businesses, institutions and households to engage in energy and fuel efficiency measures and to adopt the goal of making at least 20% of its energy purchases come from renewable energy sources by the year 2010.