

#3 Warrant Article Proposal submitted by Craig Putnam – start discussion at August 23rd meeting.

Draft text for a warrant article for spring 2022 re: renewable energy goals.

The text is a slightly modified version of the warrant article used by the Town of Sandwich, NH (which was passed in the spring of 2020).

“To see if the Town of ~~Sandwich~~Hudson, NH will vote to commit to a goal of 100% reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and for all other energy needs, including heating and transportation, by 2050. The intent of this goal is to protect the well-being and health of our citizens by practicing and promoting energy conservation, ensuring food, water and heat security, by being fiscally responsible, and by keeping energy dollars in the local economy. We can, by actively shifting towards renewable energy, end dependence on and subsidies for fossil fuels and address the threat of global climate change on a local, state and national level. This article reaffirms and builds upon Warrant Article 2953 passed at the ~~March 13,~~2007 ~~Sandwich~~Hudson Town Meeting.”

The text of the 2007 warrant article follows:

Article 29 New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution

“To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being [sic] of the people of Hudson. These actions include: 1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the economy. 2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. In addition, the town of Hudson encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote of this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)”