Proposed Peterborough Energy Action Warrant Article, Town Meeting 2021

To see if the town of Peterborough will vote to commit to a goal of 100% reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources for all other energy needs, including for heating and transportation, by 2050.

Setting this goal implies that the town will lead the community in initiatives designed to improve energy efficiency and to encourage and facilitate the transition of the town's institutions, businesses, and residents to 100% renewable energy sources. It does not mandate changes to private property or the behavior of private citizens.

The Select Board will appoint a committee to create a general plan for reaching the goal, with the understanding that the plan will evolve over time as circumstances change and new technologies become available. The committee will complete the initial plan by December, 2022.

The impetus for this goal is to achieve numerous public benefits:

- To reduce energy costs to the community
- To keep energy dollars in the local economy
- To increase the resilience of our electrical grid to weather-related interruptions
- To protect the health of our citizens by eliminating pollution caused by using fossil fuels
- To address the threat of the global climate crisis

This article was proposed by Peterborough Energy Action.