

Town of Cornwall
Resolution Committing to the 20% by 2010 Campaign
February 5, 2007

WHEREAS, the Cornwall Board of Selectmen promotes conservation, energy efficiency, 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

WHEREAS, emissions from burning fossil fuels trigger asthma attacks, exacerbate other respiratory illnesses, and contribute significantly to global warming; and

WHEREAS, clean, renewable energy from the wind, sun, water, and biomass can be generated and distributed right in the U.S., 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen with a commitment to the health of its citizens, commits the town of Cornwall to the 20% by 2010 campaign, where, by the year 2010, the Town's municipal facilities will obtain 20% of its energy needs from clean, renewable energy sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town will investigate all options for meeting that goal as soon as possible, including purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's), pursuing local clean energy installations, and investigating possible state and federal funding opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen commit to allocating 100% of any electricity savings to additional Town purchases of clean energy and that an energy task force will oversee the progress of the Town's commitment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen encourages residents and businesses to choose the clean energy option on their electricity bill.