

Resolution
Establishment of the Sustainability Commission

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors established a Sustainability Task Force in January, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Task Force met for approximately one year beginning March, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Task Force produced a report in February, 2020 in which one of the recommendations was to establish a permanent Sustainability Commission to advise and recommend to the Board of Directors and Town Administration, policies and programs that advance sustainability in Manchester, and to ensure accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester establishes a Sustainability Commission as a permanent commission as follows:

1. There will be fifteen (15) members of the commission who shall be electors of the Town and be appointed by the Board of Directors for three-year staggered terms. Of the fifteen members initially appointed by the Board, seven shall be appointed for an initial two-year term of office and eight shall be appointed for an initial three-year term of office. All subsequent reappointments to the expired initial commission terms shall be for a three-year term of office.
2. The commission shall be charged with working with the Town administration, Town staff and the Board of Directors to analyze and make recommendations to initiate or improve Town policies, programs, and practices that promote sustainability actions to ensure that Manchester remains a thriving, efficient, healthy, and vibrant place for its residents of today and tomorrow, consistent with and reflective of the objectives and recommendations of the February, 2020 Sustainability Task Force report.
3. The commission shall be further charged with working with the Town administration, Town staff and the Board of Directors to oversee development of a formal, comprehensive sustainability plan for Town operations – that may also contain initiatives aimed at engaging residents, schools, businesses, and organizations in sustainability efforts. This plan shall be presented to the Board of Directors for its review and approval. Once the plan is approved by the Board of Directors, the commission shall monitor the progress and achievement of the stated goals of the plan and work with the Town administration, Town staff and the Board of Directors to update the plan as needed. The commission shall provide a report to the Board of Directors annually.
4. The commission shall also be charged with periodic strategic planning for the town to ensure alignment of Town policies and initiatives with climate sustainability and resiliency. The commission may consider plans that include – but are not limited to - 1) storm water management, 2) transportation with respect to pedestrian and bicycle access as well as public infrastructure for electric vehicles, 3) energy efficiency and building

standards for public and private structures, and 4) hazard mitigation. The commission may recommend formal plans and policies to the Board as necessary.

5. The commission may review planning and zoning policies and regulations with respect to sustainable development, agricultural use, building design standards, and environmental conservation. The commission may recommend formal regulations to the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as comment on the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

6. The commission shall periodically review the Town's Sustainability CT Certification, ensure the maintenance of the Town's current certification status, and recommend changes to pursue higher levels of certification.

7.. The Town administration shall provide the necessary resources, including, but not limited to Town personnel to staff the commission and assist with the implementation of its responsibilities.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020.



Yolanda Castillo, Secretary
Board of Directors

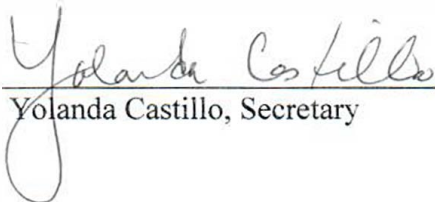
**AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020 the Town of Manchester Board of Directors passed a resolution establishing the Sustainability Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to amend the resolution to change one of the requirements for membership on the commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Manchester Board of Directors hereby amends the March 3, 2020 resolution establishing the Sustainability Commission by deleting the word “electors” in paragraph one of the resolution and inserting the word “residents” in its place. The remaining provisions of the resolution approved by the Town of Manchester Board of Directors on March 3, 2020 remains in full force and effect.

Dated: August 4, 2020



Yolanda Castillo, Secretary