Town of Mansfield
Certified Resolution
Commitment to Connecticut's 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign

Whereas, the Mansfield Town Council promotes conservation; and

Whereas, electricity generation produces more harmful air pollution than any other single human activity and the emissions from traditional generation methods trigger asthma attacks and contribute to other respiratory illnesses, and also contribute significantly to global warming; and,

Whereas, the U.S. energy needs are expected to grow by 33 percent over the next 20 years and clean energy can now be generated and distributed right in the U.S.; and,

Whereas, the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, a state agency, and SmartPower, a not-for-profit organization supporting renewable energy, have teamed up to establish various clean energy programs, such as the "20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign" and the "Clean Energy Communities Program;" and

Whereas, the Connecticut State Legislature has mandated the creation of a clean energy option for consumers who are able to elect to purchase clean energy via their electric bill:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mansfield Town Council, in the interest of promoting the health of its citizens and protecting the environment, commits the Town of Mansfield to the "20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign," where, by the year 2010, the Town's municipal facilities will purchase 20 percent of energy needs from clean energy sources. Town staff is directed to investigate all options for meeting that goal, including the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), the installation of local clean energy sources and seeking potential state and federal funding opportunities; and

Be It Further Resolved, that Town staff is directed to explore the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program that provides qualified cities and towns with clean energy systems, free of charge, by meeting certain requirements. The benefits of the program include the provision of a no-cost clean energy option for the Town, reduced electricity demand on the state's electricity transmission and distribution system, reduced emissions and harmful environmental pollutants, as well as increased energy independence; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town will allocate 100 percent of any electricity savings to additional purchases of clean energy and that staff shall work with one or more advisory committees to oversee this effort; and

Be It Further Resolved, that Town staff is directed to work with SmartPower, the Clean Energy Fund and Town advisory committees to conduct an educational campaign for Mansfield citizens, which campaign shall be designed to encourage residents, developers and businesses to purchase clean energy and to otherwise support clean energy and conserve energy overall.

Adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on July 11, 2005.

Mary L. Stanton
Town Clerk

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