

TOWNSHIP OF CHARLESTOWN

RESOLUTION _____ - 2019

Renewable Energy Resolution

Whereas, through its open space preservation program Charlestown has demonstrated its commitment to environmental conservation by substantially reducing the development potential in Charlestown and the associated demand for energy that added infrastructure, services and utility use requires, and,

Whereas, Charlestown through its purchase of renewable energy for township-owned properties and its enactment of alternative energy ordinances has demonstrated a desire to foster the safe, healthy development of renewable energy infrastructure and decrease the use of certain harmful fossil fuels, and,

Whereas, Charlestown recognizes the safe use of renewable energy such as wind, solar and hydroelectric has the potential to lower electricity costs while creating a positive environmental impact through reduction of greenhouse gas, air, water, and soil pollution, and,

Whereas Charlestown's Comprehensive Plan encourages the adoption of policies that recognize the value of renewable, clean energy;

Therefore, be it resolved the Board of Supervisors will:

1. Create and prioritize a list of goals to achieve clean electrification and alternative heating/cooling which are attainable, economical, and sustainable.
2. Review existing ordinances and construction standards to consider revisions that promote the goal of clean, renewable energy and encourage residents and businesses to use the most energy efficient means possible.
3. Work to adopt ordinances that promote the use of renewable energy that is effective, feasible and aesthetically acceptable for the welfare of all residents.
4. Work to continuously revise, update and amend Township ordinances as technology and experience becomes available.
5. Work to facilitate the drafting and periodic revision of a plan to fulfill these objectives to include interim milestones and such other metrics that are measurable and attainable.
6. Cooperate with state, county, other municipalities, the Phoenixville

Regional Planning Commission (PRPC), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Committee (DVRPC) to transition to clean and renewable energy with electricity being the first target.

7. Investigate cooperative energy purchasing opportunities.
8. Educate and encourage participation in this effort from residents, businesses, and regional groups.
9. Support county or regional efforts to draft a plan for transition to clean energy over time.
10. Call on the State of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase energy efficiency of buildings and appliances and to take actions that will facilitate and encourage use of renewable energy.

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 2019

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