Hamilton-Wenham Climate Action Climate Change Resolution

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution developed by the Hamilton-Wenham Climate Action Team, a citizen-led group of volunteers, that establishes a goal for the municipal government of the Town of Hamilton to achieve Net Zero Carbon Energy by no later than 2040, with the following interim measurable goals: 20% reduction in fossil fuels by 2025 (compared to 2009baseline), 50% by 2030, and 75% by 2035; provided that these goals shall only apply to municipal and school operations, including the Town's fleet of vehicles; and further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into any agreements upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate related to such resolution, including but not limited to any grant agreements with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Resources or any other funding agency, to achieve the resolution's goals, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Brief Summary: This article seeks to adopt a resolution establishing certain goals relative to the reduction in the use of fossil fuels to achieve Net Zero Carbon Energy for municipal and school operations by 2040. The article further seeks authorization to allow the Select Board to enter into any agreements memorializing the Town's commitment to achieving these goals and any grant agreements to assist the Town in this regard.