

## Full Text of Article 13

Shall the voters adopt the following Worcester Climate Resolution?

Whereas extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugarers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and whereas the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal; Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
  - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized people, or rural communities.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
  - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
  - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools;
  - c. Enlisting state support to install solar for town and school buildings;
  - d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping us reduce overall energy use.