



**Town of Middlebury, Vermont**

**Resolution Establishing a Goal for Emissions of Carbon Dioxide associated with Town Operations**

Whereas, carbon dioxide is emitted when the Town (1) burns natural gas, fuel oil, propane, gasoline, and diesel fuel of fossil fuel origin, and (2) uses electricity made at least partially by the burning of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, by reducing its production of carbon dioxide, the Town will help the state of Vermont to meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets and help avoid the adverse consequences of climate change; and

Whereas, the Town's Energy Committee has outlined an ambitious but feasible plan for how to reach an 80% reduction goal for carbon dioxide (across all Departments of municipal government) over ten years; therefore

Be it resolved that,

The Middlebury Selectboard establishes the goal that emission of carbon dioxide as a result of Town operations be reduced by 80% compared to 2018-2019 fiscal year levels, in or before fiscal year 2029-2030.

And be it further resolved that,

The Town's Energy Committee is directed to make an annual report by the end of each calendar year to the Selectboard and the Town Meeting on the previous fiscal year's carbon dioxide emissions.

Adopted on January 26, 2021

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