

paleBLUEdot Recommendation:

The Energy Committee has made several attempts to develop an Energy Plan in some form to provide objectives and action plans to help guide the Town of Middlebury in reducing carbon emissions and provide a more sustainable future. The idea was to work with the various entities including municipal, college, businesses and residents to develop a comprehensive approach to address the climate crisis at a local level.

John Barstow who has been acting as a liaison between the Energy Committee and the Middlebury College has been in contact with Ted Redmond from paleBLUEdot to understand if he had the capacity to facilitate the development of an Energy Plan otherwise referred to as a Comprehensive Climate Plan. Mr. Redmond provided similar support the Climate Economy Action Center (CEAC) in developing the Climate Action Plan for Addison County. John Barstow expressed the interest the college has in developing this plan and has committed to match the funds the Town provides up to \$1,500 for paleBLUEdot to facilitate this effort. paleBLUEdot has ample experience with these kinds of efforts.

The Middlebury Energy Committee voted to recommend to the Selectboard the allocation of \$1,500 from a total of \$2,000 in the Energy Committee's FY2023 operating budget to support this effort and ask the Selectboard to agree to this allocation of funds.