

RESOLUTION 10 - 51

WHEREAS, the Town of Tolland promotes conservation, energy efficiency, and the study of the use of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, clean, renewable energy will reduce the leading cause of industrial air pollution in the United States and its associated health risks to Tolland residents; and

WHEREAS, clean, renewable energy from the wind, sun, water, and biomass can be generated and distributed in Connecticut and other New England states; and

WHEREAS, the Academies of Science of all major emitting countries (including the US, China, India, Brazil, Europe, Russia, Japan, UK, and Canada) have said that Earth's climate is warming in response to emissions of greenhouse gases, with temperatures in Connecticut projected to rise by approximately 4 degrees Fahrenheit this Century; and

WHEREAS, clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies will reduce greenhouse gases, in a cost-effective manner and will enhance economic development by saving money, creating jobs and strengthening local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut legislature has mandated the creation of a clean energy option for consumers who are now able to sign up for clean energy on their electric bills; and

WHEREAS, the 20% by 2010 Campaign is a Connecticut not-for-profit initiative that seeks to encourage community action toward a path to 20% of electricity supply from clean, renewable energy sources by the year 2010 for CT residents and municipalities; and

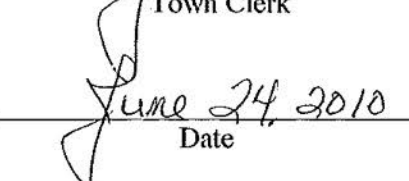
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Tolland with a commitment to the health of its citizens, environment and economy, commits the Town of Tolland to the 20% by 2010 campaign, where, by the year 2010, the Town's municipal facilities will obtain at least 20% of its energy needs from clean, renewable energy sources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BOE and Town liaisons along with the Energy Task Force explore all options for meeting the goal of purchasing at least 20% of energy needs from clean energy sources goal as soon as possible, including purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's), pursuing local clean energy installations, and investigating possible state and federal funding opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Tolland encourages residents and commercial establishments in the Town of Tolland to investigate and consider the purchase of renewable energy source electricity toward the goal of 20% by 2010.

Approved by the Tolland Town Council on June 8, 2010 and the Board of Education on June 23, 2010.



Town Clerk


Date