

**Willington Board of Selectmen resolves to support
20% Clean Energy by 2010**

WHEREAS, dependence on foreign sources of oil for electricity production weakens the ability of the United States to act independently and puts its security **and economic stability** in the hands of unfriendly, undemocratic and unstable governments; and

WHEREAS, producing electricity by burning fuels is the leading cause of industrial air pollution in the United States which can result in a variety of health risks to Willington residents - including cases of asthma, especially in children; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of not using conservation strategies and alternative energy sources results in direct and indirect costs to Willington citizens. These costs include medical, lost days at work, increasing energy costs and harmful environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, pollution from electricity production can be reduced in a cost-effective manner that enhances economic development by applying the currently available energy efficiency technologies and renewable energy programs that most CT towns have implemented to save money, create jobs and strengthen local economies; and

WHEREAS, clean energy resources – such as wind, solar and water – constantly replenish themselves, and if properly managed, will be available to serve our energy needs forever; and

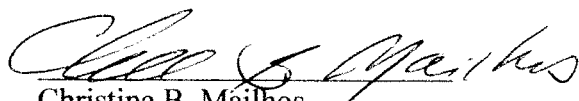
WHEREAS, the 20% by 2010 campaign is a Connecticut not-for-profit initiative that seeks to have cities and towns obtain 20% of the electricity for municipal properties from clean, renewable energy sources by the year 2010, and

WHEREAS, by meeting the goals of 20% by 2010, Willington can begin to address the problems resulting from conventional power sources and receive the benefits associated with clean, renewable power sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Willington commits to the goal of obtaining at least 20% of its municipal energy purchases from clean renewable energy resources by the **end of the** year 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Willington's Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) be tasked to research and make recommendations so that **Willington** can reach the 20% by 2010 goal. The EAC will investigate options for meeting that goal, including enrolling in the CTCleanEnergyOptions program, purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and/or on-site renewable energy installations, and will research funding opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen encourages all Willington residents and businesses to support clean energy and practice energy conservation and efficiency in their homes and offices.



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First Selectman