TOWN OF WAYLAND

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Student Associate Member of the Energy and Climate Committee,  
A volunteer position

Committee: Energy and Climate Committee

Appointing Authority: Select Board

Background and Motivation for this position

* The climate crisis will impact future generations significantly, more significantly than the current generation. Therefore, as the Town mobilizes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through new technologies and changes to lifestyles, the younger generation should be represented.
* The Town has passed a Climate Emergency Resolution which states that the, "Town of Wayland supports a town-wide mobilization of municipal departments, boards, commissions, residents, and businesses, to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030 by 50% and with an ambition of 75% from its 1990 baseline levels".
* The Wayland Energy and Climate Committee (ECC) has primary responsibility for planning and coordinating the Town's response to these goals. The ECC has prepared a Climate Mobilization and Action Plan (CAMP).
* The ECC mission statement on the Town website says, "*The Energy and Climate Committee (ECC) is charged with advising the Select Board, other town boards and committees, the Town Administrator, the School Superintendent and School Committee, and the Public Buildings Director on all issues related to reducing energy use and mitigating climate risks.  These include energy conservation measures, procurement of heating/ventilation/cooling equipment and technologies, policies regarding use of energy and greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy technologies, equipment and grants, and efforts to engage residents in community wide efforts*."
* The last phrase, "*engage residents in community wide efforts*" deserves special mention. About 80% of the required emissions reductions need to come from residents. (The Town buildings and operations are only about 4%.) There is a lot of effort needed to educate and mobilize residents, students and adults.

Roles:

* The Student Associate Member:
* Should seek to be an effective voice in engaging town residents, youth and adults, in climate awareness and the available ways to respond in Wayland.
* Can bring a different set of eyes and perspectives to ECC plans and programs, for example by connecting the ECC with the school issues and problem solving.
* Can participate in ECC projects
* Engages on an equal basis with other Associate and full Members, except for voting. (The minimum age for voting is 18.)
* Can gain first-hand experience with how town government works
* Should expect to attend most meetings of the Energy and Climate Committee. Meetings are typically held once a month in the evening. These are Zoom meetings.

Position Environment

* Remote and in-person engagements with ECC, other Town officials, students and adults.
* Term is one calendar year, with the possibility or applying for an additional term

Desirable Qualifications

* Be a student at Wayland High School
* Passionate about addressing the climate crisis. Personal experience with climate matters in the day-to-day interactions at school and elsewhere is a plus.
* Interest in engaging with others on climate matters.
* Have available extra-curricular time to devote to the ECC and Wayland’s response to the climate crisis.