

**RESOLUTION  
STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL**

**DATE: April 11, 2023  
ORDER NUMBER: 23-23**

**SUBMITTED BY: Butler**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters;**

**WHEREAS, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors;**

**WHEREAS, addressing climate change will present economic opportunities for the Town of Standish as well as opportunities to invest in the public good and cost-saving practices;**

**WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and Tribal Governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience with the state's climate action plan and goals;**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Standish has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held community workshops on April 11, 2023 which prioritized the following action areas:**

- 1. Upgrade energy efficiencies in municipal buildings by upgrade heating, cooling, and lighting in municipal buildings to modern energy efficient systems.**
- 2. Increasing conserved lands and open space to improve water quality, public access to green space.**
- 3. Create a Town Energy Plan to provide baseline energy usage for the municipality and community with the goal to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.**
- 4. Increase sustainable construction materials by adjusting procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine forest products (e.g. mass timber, wood-fiber insulation) in construction projects.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Standish commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Standish designates the Director of Planning to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership;**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Standish, Maine to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2023.**

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**Sarah Gaba, Town Council Chair**

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**Gregory LeCLerc, Town Council Vice-chair**

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**Walter Butler, Town Councilor**

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**Brian Libby, Town Councilor**

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**Benjamin Macri, Town Councilor**

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**Joseph Paul, Town Councilor**

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**Brandon Watson, Town Councilor**

**APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**  
**ROLL CALL                      YEA                      NAY                      ABSTAIN**

**Town Seal**

**BUTLER \_\_\_\_\_**  
**GABA \_\_\_\_\_**  
**LECLERC \_\_\_\_\_**  
**LIBBY \_\_\_\_\_**  
**MACRI \_\_\_\_\_**  
**PAUL \_\_\_\_\_**  
**WATSON \_\_\_\_\_**  
**CLERK/SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_**