

1 H.414

2 Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford, and
3 McCullough of Williston

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Municipal government; municipal officers; energy coordinator or
7 town energy committee

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow the
9 legislative body of a municipality to appoint an energy coordinator or a town
10 energy committee that has the power to administer local energy programs.

11 An act relating to allowing towns to appoint a town energy committee

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. chapter 33, subchapter 12 is amended to read:

14 Subchapter 12. Energy Coordinator or Committee

15 § 1131. ENERGY COORDINATOR OR COMMITTEE; DUTIES

16 (a) The legislative body of a municipality may appoint, and determine the
17 length of term for, an energy coordinator or energy committee.

18 (b) If the legislative body establishes an energy committee, the committee
19 shall consist of five members, of which not more than three may be members
20 of the legislative body.

1 ~~(b)~~(c) An energy coordinator or energy committee shall:

2 (1) coordinate existing energy resources in the town and cooperate with
3 the municipal planning commission and with those federal, State, and regional
4 agencies of government ~~which~~ that are responsible for energy matters;

5 ~~(c) An energy coordinator may study and evaluate sources of energy which~~
6 ~~are alternatives to those presently available with a view toward the more~~
7 ~~efficient and economical utilization of existing and potential energy resources.~~

8 ~~(d) An energy coordinator shall~~

9 (2) make periodic reports of his or her activities to the legislative body
10 as ~~it~~ the legislative body may require; and ~~may~~

11 (3) perform such other duties, studies, or examinations as may be
12 required by the legislative body.

13 (d) An energy coordinator or energy committee may study and evaluate
14 sources of energy that are alternatives to those presently available with a view
15 toward the more efficient and economical utilization of existing and potential
16 energy resources.

17 (e) An energy committee shall have authority:

18 (1) to accept donations, gifts, grants, and bequests;

19 (2) consistent with subsection (d) of this section, to supervise and
20 expend any appropriations made to the committee; and

21 (3) with the advice and consent of the legislative body, to:

1 (A) administer any energy and weatherization programs as may be
2 required by the legislative body; and

3 (B) apply for grants and manage any grant funds awarded to the
4 committee.

5 Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 4322 is amended to read:

6 § 4322. PLANNING COMMISSION; MEMBERSHIP

7 A planning commission shall have not less than three nor more than nine
8 voting members. All members may be compensated and reimbursed by the
9 municipality for necessary and reasonable expenses. At least a majority of the
10 members of a planning commission shall be residents of the municipality. The
11 selectmen of a rural town, or not more than two elected or appointed officials
12 of an urban municipality who are chosen by the legislative body of the urban
13 municipality, shall be nonvoting ex officio members of a planning
14 commission. If a municipality has an energy coordinator or energy committee
15 under chapter 33, subchapter 12 of this title, the energy coordinator or designee
16 of the committee may be a nonvoting ex officio member of the planning
17 commission.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.