

**TOWN OF GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Committee Profile**

**Name of Committee:** Sustainable Community Study Committee

**Type of Committee:** [  ] Ad Hoc/Advisory [  ] Regional Representation [  ] Statutory [  ] Standing

**Purpose:** To study other communities and government sustainability efforts, to see how the Town of Groton could become measurably sustainable and to report and recommend for evaluation the findings to the Board of Selectmen.

**Responsibilities:**

- Research Town/City, State, Regional and National/International community sustainability programs and related activities, identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the programs to the citizens of the present and future of Groton.
- Establish a community baseline of sustainability through the process of inventory and interview. This baseline will identify the current strength of sustainability efforts in Groton and identify and prioritize actions appropriate for increasing and balancing Groton's sustainability efforts.
- Determine community interest and concerns and building consensus through public meetings, community televisions presentations, newspaper articles and other outreach activities.
- Prepare a draft Community Sustainability Plan.
- Report the findings to the Selectmen and other appropriate Town officials.
- Prepare a presentation to Town Meeting for a Town vote on establishing a Groton Sustainability Commission charged with completing the Plan and commencing its implementation.

**Frequency of Meetings:** As Needed.

**Relationship to other Officials or Committees:**

**Statutory References:** State Local

**Creation Date:** March 19, 2007

**Expiration Date:** Town Meeting, 2008

**Or Criteria for Completion of Responsibilities--**

**Reporting**

**Frequency:** Quarterly

**Reports to:** Board of Selectmen

**Description of Reports Required --** Community Sustainability Plan

**Membership**

Number of Members: 9 to 13 members

Length of term: One year

Sources or Representation of Members- 3 from the environmental sector (Groton Local, Conservation trust etc), 3 from the economic sector(business, agriculture, etc), 3 from the cultural sector (churches, council on aging, boy scouts, etc) and 4 at large

Remuneration (if any): None

**Financial**

Initial Fiscal Year Budget: None

Type of Allowed Expenses: None

Funding Source: [ ] Departmental Budget [ ] ATM Article [ x ] Other: Private donation

**Approval**

Requestor (Individual or Committee): Michael Roberts

Appointing Authority: Board of Selectmen

Approval Date: ??? April 2, 2007

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_