TOWN OF GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Committee Profile

Name of Committee: Sustainable Community Study Committee

Type of Committee: [ X ] 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: ___________________________