

This year, your town will consider whether to support the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution.

New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution

To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of _____.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of _____ encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

For more about the NH Climate Change Resolution and the Carbon Coalition, visit our website:

www.carboncoalition.org

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*“In general, Town Meeting votes ought to be reserved for questions that are truly local...But once in a while, a broader issue comes along that deserves a place in our annual exercise in participatory democracy. **Global warming is such an issue.**”*

Valley News editorial

**Local Action on
Global Warming:
*The New Hampshire
Climate Change
Resolution***

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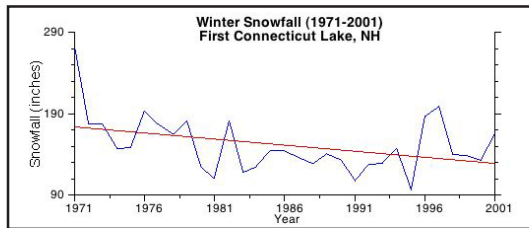
*New Hampshire Citizens for a
Responsible Energy Policy*

Global warming is no longer simply an environmental issue. It is an economic issue, a health issue, and a national security issue. And for all these reasons it is a moral issue.

Climate Change in New Hampshire

The effects of global warming are already being felt in New Hampshire.

- ♦ Average winter temperatures have risen 4.4 degrees in the past 35 years.
- ♦ Later ice-in and earlier ice-out
- ♦ Earlier lilac blooms
- ♦ Coastal wetlands are eroding



What does this mean?

- ♦ In the North Country, warmer winters mean 3,000 fewer jobs.
- ♦ In 2006, Alpine and Nordic skiing revenue was down \$11 million and snowmobile registration fell 27%, decreasing state revenue.

Projections show:

- ♦ An increase of days with extreme heat (temps over 90F) in Manchester and Concord from an average of 10 to as many as 18 by 2039 and 66 by the end of the century.¹
- ♦ A change in summer climate in New Hampshire to one feeling more like that in North Carolina by the end of the century.¹

¹Climate Change in the U. S. Northeast. The Union of Concerned Scientists, 2006.

The New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution is endorsed by many groups and organizations, including:

NH Public Health Assn. ♦ Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council ♦ The North Country Council ♦ Chuck Roast Mountainwear ♦ NH Council of Churches ♦ Stonyfield Farm ♦ Loon Mountain Ski Resort ♦ NE Wood Pellet ♦ Cranmore Mountain Ski Resort ♦ SE Valley Land Trust ♦ NH Planners Assn. ♦ Piscataquog Watershed Assn. ♦ D Acres Organic Farm ♦ American Snowmobile Association ♦ Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center ♦ Mt. Washington Auto Road ♦ Lincoln-Woodstock Chamber of Commerce ♦ Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce



The Carbon Coalition

The Carbon Coalition comprises citizens, scientists, businesses, students, communities and organizations who've come together to advocate for a national energy policy that protects our communities and environment from the ravages of global warming caused by carbon pollution.

Local Climate Change Solutions

Your town can reduce its carbon emissions with little or no cost to taxpayers. In fact, reducing emissions can save your town money. New Hampshire towns are already doing it. Here are some examples:

Keene

Has taken many steps, including:

- ♦ Biodiesel fuels in its municipal fleet;
- ♦ Anti-idling campaign cut fuel use by 6%;
- ♦ Geothermal heat-pump system in municipal building

Somersworth

Energy saving lighting and other improvements in housing authority units, **saving Somersworth \$45,000 per year.**

Claremont

Converted 1,016 streetlights to energy efficient models, currently saving **\$27,000/year** and saving **\$118,000/year** when improvement loan is repaid.

Hanover

Richmond Middle School uses a wood-chip heating system. The system is expected to **save Hanover \$60,000/year** (costing only 1/6 of heating with oil).

For more information on how your town can reduce its energy use, visit:

Clean Air – Cool Planet at

www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/for_communities/index.php

The Jordan Institute at www.nhphps.org

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives at

www.iclei.org