

ARTICLE 31 AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS-REPORTING, DISCLOSING, AND ASSESSING THE ENERGY AND WATER USE OF LARGE BUILDINGS

To see if the Town will vote to add a new Chapter to the Town's Code of Bylaws requiring the reporting and disclosure of large building energy use, requiring assessments based on energy use, to set forth the terms and scope of such reporting requirements, including exemptions or waivers to the same, and further to raise and appropriate a sum of money to administer the reporting and disclosure of the large building energy use, and determine whether the money will be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Sustainable Lexington Committee)

DESCRIPTION: This article would authorize the Town to enact a bylaw that would require the reporting and disclosure of large building energy use and authorize funding to administer the program. The systematic energy measurement and reporting, and subsequent assessments, will assist building owners in making cost-effective energy efficiency investments and will inform the Town of progress towards its emissions goals.