



Town of Lexington

Special Town Meeting 2022-3

Article 13: Technical Correction-General Bylaw (Fossil Fuel)

This article requests that Town Meeting approve technical corrections to Chapter 106 of the Town of Lexington bylaws previously approved by 2021 Annual Town Meeting as Article 29, in response to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passing “An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind” in August 2022.

Chapter 179 Section 84 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2022 requires the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to establish a demonstration project that authorizes up to ten communities to adopt and amend by-laws that may require new building construction or major renovations to be fossil fuel-free. Section 84 establishes several requirements a community must meet before applying, including passage of a Home Rule Petition (which Town Meeting passed in 2021).

This article proposes technical corrections to the Town of Lexington bylaw adopted in 2021 to better conform to DOER’s demonstration program definitions and local approval application requirements to streamline Lexington’s application to participate in the demonstration project.

As of October 24, 2022, The Select Board unanimously supports the passage of Article 13.