

ORDINANCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 47

ENERGY REVIEW COMMISSION

§ 47-1. Commission Established.

There is hereby established an Energy Review Commission with the duties and purposes set forth in this Chapter.

§ 47-2. Membership.

The Energy Review Commission shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Town Council from among the qualified voters of the Town, each to serve a term of five (5) years, except that the terms shall be arranged so that the term of one member shall expire each year. In the event that a Commission member shall have missed three (3) consecutive meetings without consent of the Commission Chair, then his or her membership shall expire forthwith. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission for any reason, the Town Council shall make an interim appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In addition to the five (5) members appointed by the Town Council, the current chairperson or member designee of the Smithfield Conservation Commission and Smithfield Economic Development Commission shall serve in non-voting, ex officio liaison capacities on the Energy Review Commission.

§ 47-3. Organization.

The Commission shall organize annually and, by election, shall select from its voting members a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and may adopt any rules of procedure deemed necessary for the proper discharge of its duties. Meetings of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act.

§ 47-4. Quorum.

Three (3) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Commission.

§ 47-5. Duties and Purposes.

The general duties and purposes of the Energy Review Commission are as follows:

1. To review the Town of Smithfield's energy needs and consumption and develop advisory plans and recommendations designed to reduce the Town's energy costs;
2. To seek financial and other assistance from local, state, and federal authorities, utility companies, and other sources which may assist the Town in reducing its energy costs;
3. To advise the Town Council and the Town's Boards, Commissions and officials on matters relating to energy conservation; and
4. To perform other related functions assigned to the Commission by the Town Council.

§ 47-6. Advisory Nature of Commission.

The Commission shall be advisory in nature. Commission members shall serve without compensation. The Town Manager shall provide the Commission with such clerical and administrative assistance as may be necessary to carry out its duties hereunder.

§ 47-7. Dissolution of Smithfield Energy Conservation Committee.

The Smithfield Energy Conservation Committee is hereby dissolved as of the effective date of this Ordinance.