

Motion to be moved under Article 33

Concord MA Town Meeting, April 2012

Whereas a goal of the Town of Concord is to promote a sustainable future, meeting current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and

Whereas it is therefore necessary to responsibly reduce the dependence on fossil fuels and the production of greenhouse gases, efficiently utilizing any economic and natural resources expended in this task,

It is the sense of Town Meeting that the Town's officers and employees, when planning, contracting for, or participating in the construction of new utility-scale electric power sources, are urged to give priority to technologies and practices that maximize the environmental benefits relative to the total economic, social, and environmental costs, measured by criteria such as

- Greenhouse gas reduction per dollar invested (including subsidies) over the product lifecycle;
- Levelized costs of new generation resources; and
- Energy return on investment (EROI).