

SUPPORT ARTICLE 58 - THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION (CED) AT SUDBURY TOWN MEETING ON MAY 2, 2022

*The Climate Emergency Declaration acknowledges
the real threats of climate change to our way of life*

Declaring a Climate Emergency is proactive

Massachusetts passed the *Next-Generation Roadmap For Massachusetts Climate Policy* in March 2021, which established a clean energy and climate plan for the state. Ultimately, each community will have to create and meet the state's goals to reduce their carbon footprint. By being proactive, we can take charge of how we implement the plan locally.

Sudbury's Select Board has prioritized sustainability and climate change action. This CED builds on Sudbury's accomplishments as a Green Community and the Sudbury Master Plan's focus on climate resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

What can Sudbury do?

The Climate Emergency Declaration tasks the town with **hiring a Sustainability Director** and **creating an Action Plan** to help businesses and residents respond to our unfolding and pervasive climate emergency. The Sustainability Director is also a resource and creates benefits for the town by identifying opportunities to take advantage of state and federal programs and funding.

A Sustainability Director will ensure benefits for residents:

- **Positive fiscal impact with laser focus** on climate change and sustainability issues
- **Strengthen town finances** by leading efficiency and clean energy projects and taking advantage of state and federal programs and funding
- **Act as a resource** for residents and businesses looking for information on sustainability
- **Streamline efforts** of diverse committees and boards throughout town government
- **Coordination** with regional initiatives

CALL TO ACTION!

- **Sign the letter to support climate action now!**
- www.tinyurl.com/SudburyCELetter



- **Vote at Town meeting May 2, 2022**
You can find the full text of the Declaration and more information here:
sustainablesudbury.org/climate-emergency/