



Selectmen Create Green Board

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The Board of Selectmen voted this week to create a new town board to advise them on how to best achieve their goal of making the town more environmentally friendly.

The selectmen voted unanimously to create the Green Advisory Board during their Nov. 3 meeting to advise the town and schools on how best to use its resources and reduce their impact on the environment, something the selectmen have stated as among their top priorities. "I'm very pleased to see this initiative move forward," said Selectman Pualina Knibbe. "It's one of the things we were hoping we could do."

The proposal for the new board came from a citizens' environmental group called Green Acton, formed earlier this year to explore possibilities for greening the town. The advisory board will serve as a counterpart to the citizens' group.

Ann Sussman, a member of Green Acton, said the new board will be able to take advantage of a wide range of environmental expertise that already exist in town.

"There is a lot of expertise in our community," she said. "These people earn hundreds of dollars an hour and their willing to give it for free. I say grab it."

The advisory board will likely have five full members, including representatives from the schools and town staff, and two associate members.