

# Declaration November 2020

We, the Boxborough Select Board, are committed to raising awareness about the importance of mitigating Climate Change. We are convinced Climate Change is caused largely by human activities, and the need to take action is urgent. The responsibility belongs to all of us to be vigilant about ways to contain this growing threat to human survival.

Climate Change is causing regional drought and extreme temperatures, and it impacted Boxborough this summer with micro-burst storms that swept through Town, damaging trees and power lines.

As a way to be part of the solution, we, the Boxborough Select Board, will support the Sustainability Committee's charge to lead the Town's effort to mitigate the causes and drivers of climate change. Specifically, the Select Board will share, support, and help achieve the goals of the Sustainability Committee to:

- Educate and encourage our community to save energy.
- Quantify and reduce the carbon footprint of Town buildings and properties where feasible and encourage residents to do the same.
- Follow Net Zero guidelines for all new municipal building construction unless reasons can be given as to why it is not feasible.
- Set carbon-emissions reduction goals for the Town.
- Develop and seek community support for a Climate Action Plan for the Town.

We, the Boxborough Select Board, pledge to support these initiatives and any others that will help preserve resources that sustain Boxborough and the world for future generations.