

TOWN OF BRANDON GREEN FLEET POLICY

PURPOSE This policy covers all departments under the Selectboard that have vehicles or metered equipment and sets guidelines to minimize greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions. Implementation of this policy will help the Town meet its energy goals while reducing the short- and long-term costs of purchasing, maintaining, and operating Town vehicles.

OVERSIGHT The Town Manager shall oversee implementation of this policy, and shall present annual reports of findings and progress to the Selectboard.

INVENTORY Beginning in calendar year 2020, the Town shall establish and maintain an inventory of the vehicles in its fleet. The inventory metrics should include the following information:

1. Number of vehicles.
2. Annual miles driven (or annual hours of metered equipment).
3. GHG emissions (i.e., carbon dioxide equivalent).
4. Non-GHG tailpipe emissions (i.e., EPA criteria pollutants).
5. Quantity of fuel consumed by fuel type.
6. Cost of fuel consumed by fuel type.

FLEET OPTIMIZATION

1. The Town Manager will provide utilization reports to the departments and make recommendations about possible fleet reductions.
2. Replacement vehicles shall achieve the greatest level of emission reductions possible while still meeting the operational needs of the Town and being cost-effective.
3. Fuels with lower emissions (such as compressed natural gas, ethanol, electricity, biodiesel, etc.) shall be used when feasible. Vehicles using these fuel types shall be strongly considered when evaluating vehicle replacement.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

1. Environmentally friendly products, such as recycled coolants and re-refined oils, shall be used where available when cost effective and when it will not void the manufacturer's warranty or negatively impact the vehicle's operation.
2. A reasonable effort shall be made to reduce or eliminate vehicle leakage of environmentally harmful substances such as coolant, oil, or fuel.
3. Re-treaded tires shall be purchased for large-wheeled or slow-moving vehicles, when applicable.

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