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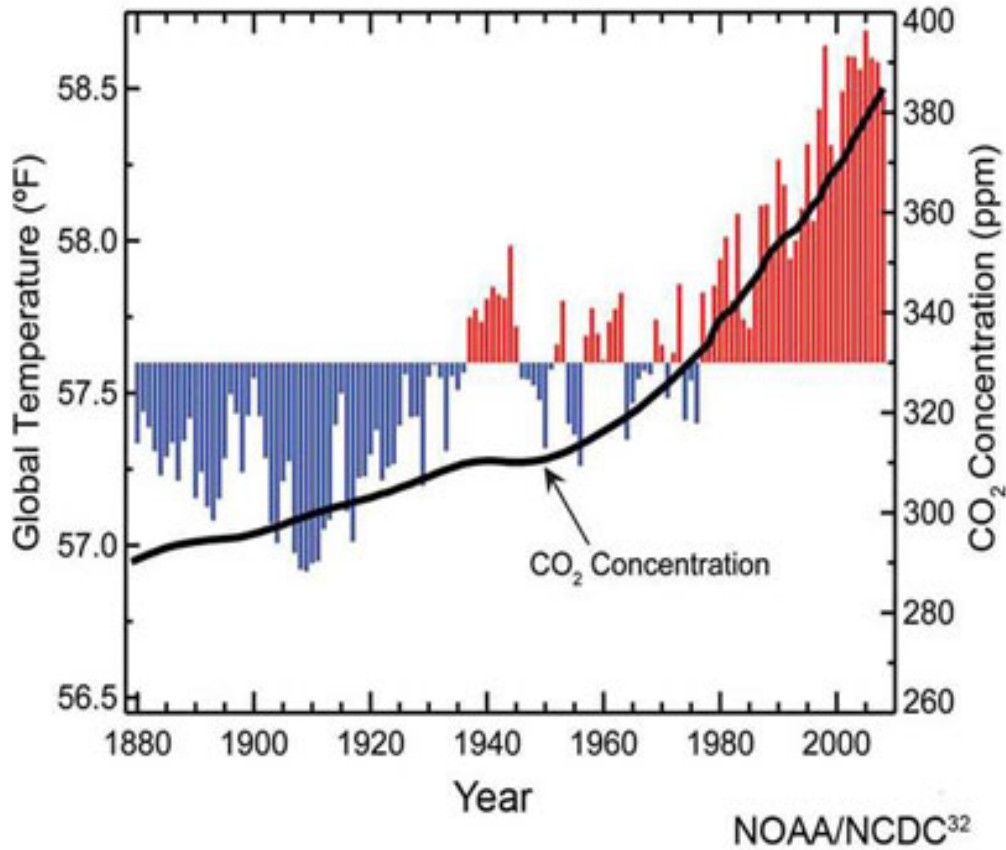
Article #46: Request to Create a Net Zero
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal, Task Force,
Funding & Plan

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The Science and the Urgency



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“The benefits of strong, early action on climate change outweigh the costs.”

- Stern Review on The Economics of Climate Change

“Postponing action on climate change will put existing businesses, including the agricultural, fishing, and tourism industries, at a severe disadvantage in the near term.”

- Report by MA Senate Committees entitled, “The Cost of Inaction: Climate Change in the Commonwealth”

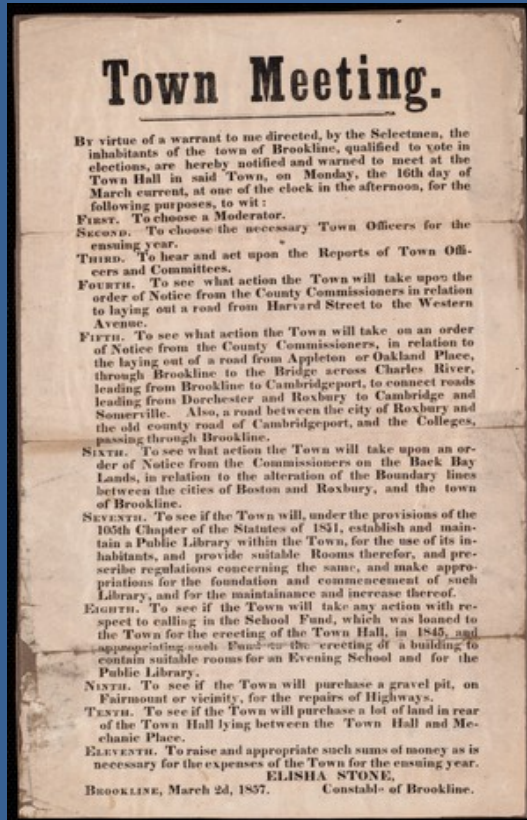
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Local Momentum



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Concord MOF's 2016 Warrant Article

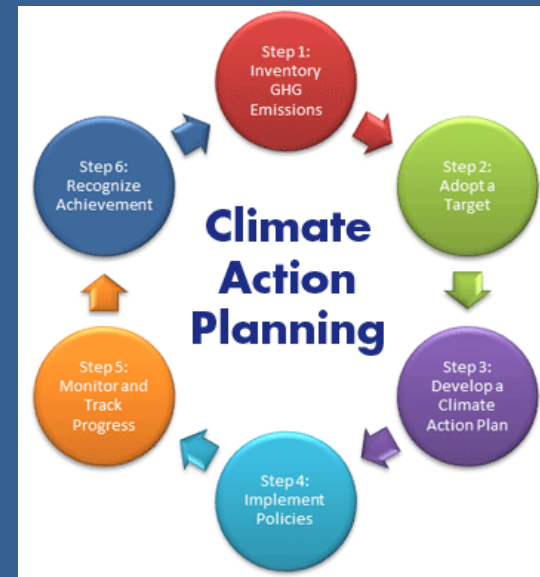


1. Establish a 25-Year “Net Zero” Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal
2. Appoint a “Net Zero” Task Force to develop the “Net Zero” Plan
3. Fund consultants (up to \$85,000) to support the Net Zero task force: technical assistance, research, public and stakeholder input, and final recommendations

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Net Zero Strategic Planning

- Baseline Research
- Tools and Technical Support
- Facilitation
- Getting to Zero Action Plan
- Community Engagement
- Adoption of Getting to Zero Plan
- Implementation



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Reason #1 to Act on Climate:
Our Children, and All Children, are
Counting on Us



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Thank you.

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