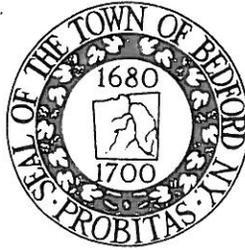


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RECOMMENDED ENERGY USE GOALS FOR PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

The Planning Board agrees that the Bedford Town Board's goal of a 20% reduction in energy use within the Town by the year 2020 is an achievable, noteworthy expectation and that this will be accomplished mostly by the careful design and equipping of new and renovated buildings, and through site plans and subdivisions.

The Planning Board feels that it plays an important part in ensuring that these design elements are reviewed, and wishes to be on record as notifying applicants that the elements listed in the checklist below will be considered during the application process:

- Building, siting and equipping to maximize the solar gain.
- Design exterior lighting to reduce light pollution. Use of maximum efficiency interior and exterior lighting fixtures and lamps.
- Control of odors, gasses, sound and dust to minimize impacts on other properties.
- Reuse/recycling of building materials. Use of material manufactured within 500 miles of the site should be given preference.
- Retaining significant trees and/or the planting of landscaping to reduce the heating /cooling needs of the proposed facility and to improve the visual landscape of the Town.
- Installation of solar heating and generating facilities to reduce the long-term energy needs of buildings. Use of high efficiency/energy Star equipment to minimize energy use.
- A high level of insulation in order to retain the heated/cooled environment and thus reduce long-term energy use and pollution.
- Use of other green building material or procedures to reduce the energy requirements of the facility.

In its quest for energy reduction/savings the Planning Board encourages applicants to seek architects skilled in use of LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

When constructing, the use of contractors experienced with the green methods is also helpful. Applicants are encouraged to contact the NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development) group for information about planning grants and subsidies.

The website for NYSERDA is *NYSERDA.org*. The website for the Green Building Council is <http://www.usgbc.org>. The website for LEEDS is leedinfo@usgbc.org.

Applicant may also find assistance on the "green page" of the Town of Bedford website www.bedfordny.info.