



To: Newton City Council
From: Councilor Deborah J. Crossley
Re: Committee of the Whole on new Stretch and opt-in Specialized Energy Code
Date: February 10, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The City Council will be meeting in a Committee of the Whole to hear a presentation on the new energy codes and discuss adoption of the opt-in Specialized Energy Code. This will be a continuation of the discussion at the December 12th Zoning & Planning Committee meeting.

There will be a 10-12 min. presentation by Ian Finlayson, Deputy Director DOER Energy Efficiency Division on the essence of these codes, and when the various elements of the Stretch and Specialized codes became – or will become effective.

This will be followed by a public hearing.

The task for Council is to first determine whether to adopt this code, and if so, when to make it effective.

Attached to this memo are the following items:

- 1) **One Page Memo** Relating new MA Energy Codes, Ten Communities & BERDO, by Sustainability Director Berwick
- 2) **FAQ** re Stretch & Specialized Codes: by Sustainability Director Ann Berwick & Ian Finlayson, Deputy Director, Energy Efficiency Division, DOER
- 3) **Residential** Stretch & Specialized code Summary by Co-Director of Sustainability Berwick
- 4) **Commercial** Stretch & Specialized code Summary by Co-Director of Sustainability Berwick
- 5) **City buildings** designed to achieve these standards since 2018; Letter of Support by Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings
- 6) **Ten Communities Act:** More on Requirements, by Sustainability Director Berwick
- 7) **Electric Capacity and Infrastructure:** *Adequacy of the Eversource distribution system and the New England Electric Grid*, Memo by Co-Directors of Sustainability Bill Ferguson and Ann Berwick
- 8) **11/2/2009 Board Order** Adopting the first MA Stretch Code

The code summaries we received first in December 22 are detailed. But for the truly adventurous, Final code language and a summary from DOER can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stretch-energy-code-development-2022>

Sincerely,
Deborah J. Crossley
Zoning & Planning Committee Chair