

Environmental Action Committee
Environmental Roundtable
October 6, 2025

Summary of Ideas Proffered:

ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION:

- Efficiency of existing homes
 - Info sharing
 - Incentives
 - Pay as You Save – entity pays for install; user pays energy usage (reduced) + upgrade cost (E.g., Ipswich)
- Financial Feasibility for Solar
- Dial-A-Ride EV for Seniors (Uber)
- Community Solar
- Solar Farm at Landfill & Other Sites
- Increase Energy from Clean Sources
- More EV Charging Stations at Hiking Lots for Mountain
- Time of Day Electric Metering
- Bike Paths / Lanes
- Woodstove Education Program

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Water management and flood mitigation
- Forest management and wildfire prevention
- Invasive Species – public info sharing
- Management of Invasives around town
- Xeriscaping
- OSC & PLT to connect residents to trails and conservation areas

LAND USE

- Encourage Home Businesses
- Allow more Multi-Family Buildings
- Assist in getting word out about Land Conservation options
- Attempt to ban SGAR Rodenticides
- Help Town move beyond PFAS issue at 30 Mountain Rd / Do Something

- AI Data Centers – environmental issues – PFAS/Water
- Increase business zones but require site plan approval
- Promote Princeton Parks & Trails through events
- Formally “close” landfills for Solar Farms
- Vary zoning density for walkable village zones (to create centers)
- Affordable Housing – tax title land used for this purpose

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Single Trash Collector
- Insist on regional collaboration on waste collection
- Reduce waste truck travels through town
- Formally close landfill
- Recycling really recycled?
- Pay as You Throw
- Recycling Events: Furniture / Metal
- Increase Efficiency of Waste Pickup
- Ban sale of nips in Town
- Make it easier to do business with Wachusett Recycling Center (local pickup)
- Referendum on Single-Waste Hauler

OTHER

- Collaborate with OSC on recreation plan
- Bulk purchase of electric lawn equipment tools –price savings
- Environmental Tool Library
 - Energy Saving Equipment to borrow from library
 - Radon Testing
- Pursue Noise Ordinance for set times (including guns and motorcycles and leaf blowers)
- Resist Construction of AI Data Centers in Princeton

EVENT / OUTREACH IDEAS

- TPS Program
- Continue Newsletters
- Promote Cleaning Roofs vs Replace Roof
- Cross-Committee events (e.g., nature walks)
- Keep at it!
- State Senator / Representative – share what we are working on with them
- Fertilizer & Pesticide Use Education – types, issues, and alternatives
- Subscribe to EAC News

- Printed Newsletters to Library
- Welcome Basket Flyer
- Repair Clinic
- Series of Seminars – Speaker Series/Newsletter

FORMAT

- Repost EAP
- Public Presentation
- YEAR OF PUBLIC INPUT...
- Addendum

Follow-up Meetings:

- Discussion on Specific Ideas