



The purpose of this petition is to help those in need, not with a one-time hand-out, but long-term, by bringing energy money and incentives to Amherst, while providing jobs and growing the value of the property-base.

Petition to Amherst Town Meeting: Energy Facilitation Outreach Worker

Energy prices in Massachusetts are among the highest in the nation and they most affect those who can least afford them.

And energy efficiency services in Western Mass. are scattered, hard to find, and difficult to obtain.

An Energy Facilitation Outreach Worker, in cooperation with the UMass Extension Service, would work with homeowners, business owners, landlords and tenants to obtain financial incentives and assistance.

By providing **a one-stop office** in Amherst to access \$126 million in state energy efficiency funds, we can, this year:

- 1) **help those most in need** on a **long-term** basis by lowering energy bills,
- 2) **create jobs** for those who are out of work,
- 3) **make it very easy** for landlords, many of whom live out-of-town, **to get free services** and interest-free money to weatherize and upgrade their buildings, and
- 4) **grow** the value of **our tax-base**.

Millions of dollars is available and other towns are going after it, why not Amherst?

How to save Amherst? **Amherst Save!**

Kevin Collins, Amherst

Northeast Utilities - Energy Use in Amherst

for 2008 (last available year)

A. Average Retail Price of Electricity to Ultimate Customers, December 2008

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Report No.: DOE/EIA-0226 (2010/03)

Massachusetts	Dec - 08
Cost per Kilowatthour	\$ 0.1843

B. Electrical energy consumption billed to residential accounts in Amherst for the period September 2007 to September 2008. **(Last available date)** (approximately 9,100 accounts) The data is measured in megawatt hours.

Source: Northeast Utilities

AMHERST	SPACE HEAT		ENERGY USE
	ELECTRIC	NON-ELECTRIC	
MWh	22,317	48,846	71,163

C. Amherst Residential Energy Cost

based on DOE 2008 avg price

AMHERST	SPACE HEAT		ENERGY USE
	ELECTRIC	NON-ELECTRIC	
MWh used	22,317	48,846	71,163
*Cost per MWh	\$ 184.30	\$ 184.30	\$ 184.30
TOTAL ENERGY COST	\$ 4,113,023	\$ 9,002,318	\$ 13,115,341

D. Average Amherst Energy bill

No. households	Total Cost	Per household
9100	\$ 13,115,341	\$ 1,441.25

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