#### Getting to Zero

Our goal is to reach net zero carbon emissions on the First Parish campus by 2035.



#### FIRST PARISH MILTON

MAY 2023



## How do we get to "net zero"?

- Reducing carbon requires two major types of activity:
  - 1. Reduce use of power
    - Insulation
    - Double/triple paned windows
    - Replace low efficiency appliances with high efficiency appliances
    - "adaptive change" thinking about our use of buildings and resources
  - 2. Convert source of power from fossil fuel to renewable electricity
    - Install solar panels
    - Replace boiler/furnace with heat pumps
    - Investigate Milton Community Energy Aggregation 100% renewable option

## Who's working on it?

#### Three FPM working groups:

- Buildings and utilities (incl reps from B&G) Henry MacLean, Richard Venable, Beth Gray-Nix, Susan DeMinico, Hale Smith
- Landscaping and carbon offsets Mary Blanchette, Marie-Laure Brown, Deb Larson-Venable, Beth Gray-Nix
- Community Learning team Tony Dutzik, Lynne Stack, Tracey Robinson

#### with lots of help from:

- Church administrator
- Finance, B&G, and S&EJ committees
- MA Interfaith Power and Light
- Mass Save (state program)

#### Work in 2022-23

Landscaping and carbon offsets work group

- Established leaf composting area
- Planning for more trees on campus

#### Community Learning team

- Climate Action/Eco Tips articles in Link and on church website
- Survey for topics of interest
- "View & chew" potluck for Bill McKibben talk

#### Work in 2022-23

Building and Utilities work group

- Collaborated with MA Interfaith Power & Light on building assessment
- Mass Save Audit
- Created charts to visualize carbon and energy use over time
- Developing phased action plan for a series of building projects will take 5-10 years to plan and fund
- THIS WORK WILL REQUIRE ONGOING, ACTIVE OVERSIGHT AND CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

# Review of building updates – past present, and future

- Converted to gas heat (2017) and installed solar panels (2020) - major first steps
- Partnered with MA Interfaith Power & Light and Mass Save to analyze campus, identify work TBD, and develop a draft plan
- Goal to net-zero (G2Z) will require a series of additional projects over a period of 7-10 years
- Plan for funding has started: capital funding and community donation drive

## Project timelines (?) – planning underway

- Phase 1 2023-2024? Mass Save projects insulation and lights
- Phase 2 2025-2026? high priorities recommended by MA IPL: Insulation in Link basement and replace oil heater in CC
- Phase 3 2027-2028? Window replacements
- Phase 4 2029...(?) Heat pumps

## **Potential Investments by Year**

Service Date	<b>Description</b>		Carbon Reduct./ Yr. (metric tons)
2023	Meetinghouse insulation / LED Lighting proposals	\$31.5	8.4
2024	Replace / move hot water heater with heat pump model	4+/-	1.1
2025	Link insulation / Activity Room window replacement	23+/-	3.9
2026	Link window replacement	42+/-	0.7
2028	Kitchen window replace. / Children's Chapel heat pump	66+/-	2.7
2035	Link attic & Parish Hall walls insulation (lower priority)		TBD
	Total Projects identified to date	\$178+/-	16.8

**Note:** Estimated costs are net of state & federal incentives. Other potential investments <u>to reach net-zero</u> would include more triple-pane window replacements and heat pumps / new HVAC systems for the Link, Parish Hall & Meeting House.

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