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Bill No. 2017-100

Steven Stanganelli, Councilor-at-Large; Matt Einson, Councilor-District 3

A Resolution to Authorize the City Council to join the Next Century Cities organization as a means of furthering the goals outlined in the June 2004 Amesbury Master Plan (EO 418 Community Development Plan) including reference to a Cyber District (PFI-11, Public Facilities and Infrastructure Development).

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same as follow:

The President of City Council or his designee may, on behalf of the City Council, join Next Century Cities (www.nextcenturycities.org), participate in informational programs, and report back to the Council from time to time.

Supporting Information:

Next Century Cities is a non-profit organization that supports efforts by innovative communities to expand access to fast, affordable and reliable internet access for citizens and businesses.

The organization provides member cities:

- Support by connecting community leaders interested in economic development based on Internet and telecommunications policies;
- A clearinghouse for materials that elevate the conversation on issues related to policies on telecommunications and Internet access
- Help with best practices and policies

There is no cost to join as a member city.

Member cities adopt and follow the following six principles:

- High-speed Internet is a necessary infrastructure;
- The Internet is nonpartisan;
- Communities must enjoy self-determination;
- High-speed Internet is a community-wide endeavor;
- Meaningful competition drives progress;
- Collaboration benefits all.