



## **Electric Car**

- o In 2015 the Town commenced a three-year lease of a Nissan Leaf electric car. State grant money covered the monthly lease payments, insurance and electricity to recharge. At the April 2018 Town Meeting voters approved purchase of the case. The car is for use by Town employees as they conduct Town business. As of June 2018, Town employees had driven the car over 20,000 miles, realizing a savings to the Town of approximately \$11,500 over what the Town would have paid out for employees' use of their personal vehicles.
- Additionally, this use of the electric car has assisted in reducing the Town's carbon footprint by keeping some 16 tons of carbon dioxide from being introduced to the atmosphere, which would have been contributed by the gasoline engine of a customary car.
- An added benefit of the program is the electric charging station required for the operation of the electric car. The station, also subsidized by State grant money, is at the rear of Town Hall. By state regulation the charging station has two connections, and is available to the public for free charging of privately owned electric vehicles.