


# Upper Valley Energy Committee Updates (from February 2019 Survey)

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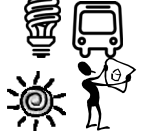


  
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<b>Andover, NH</b> Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Larry Chase lbchase@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar generation and weatherization improvements to the Town Offices Building by adding solar- panels on its roof, by installing a heat pump to further save on energy costs, and by improving insulation and air-sealing measures.</li> <li>Weatherize Kearsarge, undertaken with five neighboring towns, encourages homeowners to take specific measures to improve comfort and reduce the cost of heating their home. It will be followed by a second project, Solarize Kearsarge, to encourage homeowners to further reduce their energy costs by adding photovoltaic systems on their property.</li> </ul>	  
<b>Barnard, VT</b> Committee serving directly under Selectboard	Elizabeth Ferry EWFerry@icloud.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the weatherization campaign through Button Up and had 27 households participate! Also assisted 4 income eligible homeowners to take advantage of Capstone Community Action's services.</li> <li>Invited people with high efficiency homes to speak to the committee. They all are willing to share their experiences with other town residents.</li> <li>Commented on industrial battery storage proposal from a private company.</li> </ul>	  
<b>Bethel, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jose Lazo joseLazo2355@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bethel energy committee is restructuring and is in the process of organizing fund-raising activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Bradford, VT</b> A subcommittee of the conservation commission	Nancy Jones npj@valley.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This committee has asked the Selectboard to appoint an official Energy Committee that is separate from the Conservation Commission.</li> <li>Donated LED light bulbs to the food shelf and at a public event.</li> </ul>	 
<b>Canaan, NH</b> Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Chuck Townsend chucktownsend@me.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted the Mascoma Valley Energy and Sustainability Expo with several other energy committees in September. Great turnout!</li> <li>Participating in Weatherize campaign with Enfield.</li> </ul>	 

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<b>Claremont, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under City Council	Nancy Merrill nmerrill@claremontnh.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City Council authorized the creation of an Energy Committee, which was a goal in the Master Plan. While a lot has been done in Claremont, ie municipal light conversion, municipal energy audits, efficiency, solar panels at the water treatment plant, we have not formalized it with a working committee until this past fall.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cornish, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Select Board	Shideko Terai (formerly Mary Boyle) mary.n.boyle@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renewable Energy Educational Series.</li> <li>Sierra Club Ready for 100 - Warrant Article Passed to commit to 100% renewable energy.</li> <li>Continuing collaboration with Plainfield energy committee and helping other towns to establish or re-establish their ECs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Eastman, NH</b> Subcommittee of Sustainable Eastman	Susan Goodwin neet.goodwin@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with other groups and neighboring towns.</li> <li>Community outreach/education.</li> </ul>	
<b>Enfield, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Charles DePuy c.depuy@yahoo.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streetlight reduction.</li> <li>Participating in Weatherize campaign with Canaan.</li> <li>Co-hosted the Mascoma Valley Energy and Sustainability Expo with several other energy committees in September.</li> </ul>	
<b>Grantham, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jenna Chenevert jennachenevert@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsored a solar open house and drive-by.</li> <li>Planning on a May 2019 information night on More Energy Efficient Building Materials.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hanover, NH</b> Subcommittee of Sustainable Hanover	Yolanda Baumgartner yfoursh@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A warrant article allowing community solar within the Town of Hanover was presented at the May 2018 Town Meeting and passed.</li> <li>The Energy Committee welcomed two new members and attended the first State wide meeting of towns working toward 100% renewable Energy.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hartford, VT</b> Energy commission serving directly under Selectboard	Erik Krauss ekrauss@bluevertex.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized three "Warm Up" events, 75 home visits by qualified contractors.</li> <li>Completed a draft energy plan to satisfy enhanced energy planning.</li> <li>Completed several municipal projects including lighting upgrades, fleet monitoring, net-metered solar, and installation of EV charging stations and heat pumps.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Lyme, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Mark Bolinger mark.bolinger@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in Weatherize Upper Valley with Piermont and Orford.</li> <li>Applied for grant funding to install PV on the roof of Lyme's public library.</li> <li>Considering joining the Sierra Club's "Ready for 100" initiative.</li> </ul>	
<b>New London, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jamie Hess nordicskate@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>400 people attended September 2018 Electric Vehicle Expo with 40 electric cars plus electric motorcycles, bicycles, lawnmowers, snow blowers, etc.</li> <li>Worked with Norwich Solar Technologies on the design for a 220 kW municipal solar array to be constructed during 2019.</li> </ul>	
<b>Newbury, NH</b> Town official (no energy committee)	Joy Nowell joybnowell@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently hosting Weatherize and Solarize campaigns.</li> <li>We're still just trying/hoping to get organized as an energy group.</li> </ul>	
<b>Norwich, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Linda Gray linda.c.gray@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received grant award for EV charging station from VW mitigation fund.</li> <li>Participated in Button Up: 52 households signed up.</li> <li>Working on Enhanced Energy Plan within Town Plan.</li> <li>Noticing more volunteers &amp; interest for the Energy Committee!</li> </ul>	
<b>Orford, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Edmond Cooley tedc@cooley-company.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in Weatherize with Lyme and Piermont. Across the program, signed up 175 households, with 126 requesting energy audits, and 52 families completing energy upgrades.</li> </ul>	
<b>Piermont, NH</b> Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Peter Labounty peter.labounty@charter.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in Weatherize with Lyme and Orford. Across the program, signed up 175 households, with 126 requesting energy audits, and 52 families completing energy upgrades.</li> </ul>	
<b>Plainfield, NH</b> Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Evan A Oxenham evan.oxenham@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked with Cornish on a Weatherize campaign. 74 people initially signed up for Weatherize and of those 24 completed a weatherization project.</li> <li>Plainfield and Cornish hosted a well-attended DIY Electric Bike workshop led by Bill Cable, demonstrating how a standard bike could be converted.</li> <li>The two committees worked together on developing a plan to implement our goal of 100% renewable energy. This work is continuing in 2019.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Rockingham, VT</b> A subcommittee of the planning, conservation, or other commission	Peter Bergstrom pwbergstrom@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rockingham Energy Subcommittee continued to work with local municipalities to increase their use of renewable energy through Group Net Metering from local solar arrays. The Rockingham Free Public Library and the Town of Rockingham signed up for net metering agreements in early 2018, saving the groups about \$20,000 a year.</li> <li>In late 2018, the local school supervisory union also agreed to consider net metering agreements for its buildings, which could save them a similar amount each year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Royalton, VT</b> No energy committee	Mike Bald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Royalton is working to include an Energy section in its new Town Plan.</li> <li>There has been an assessment of town-owned properties and discussion with neighboring towns about bike paths and/or an EV charging station.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sharon, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Ryan Haac thaacr@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharon Energy Survey 2018 completed with NEGEF grant. 230 out of 400 households participated – better than the goal!</li> </ul>	
<b>Springfield, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Char Osterlund charmf@vermontel.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police department updated lighting in part of its building to LED.</li> </ul>	
<b>St. Johnsbury, VT</b> An ad hoc citizen's energy committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catalogued town streetlights to identify opportunities to improve efficiency and reduce budget cost.</li> <li>Supported planning for a Level III electric vehicle charging station.</li> </ul>	
<b>Strafford, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Doc Bagley docbagley@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the Button Up program in 2018.</li> <li>Electric vehicle parade on July 4th.</li> <li>Promoted the Strafford &amp; Thetford Community Solar Project.</li> <li>Started work on an Enhanced Energy Plan with TRORC and members of the conservation commission and planning commission.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sutton, NH</b> No official committee, but interested in forming one	Jason Teaster jason.teaster@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We're still just trying/hoping to get organized as an energy group.</li> </ul>	
<b>Thetford, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Michael Kiess michaelkiessvt@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thetford 2050 events for resilience, local food, transportation.</li> <li>Thetford-Strafford Community solar project for Thetford's municipal supply and residents.</li> <li>Working to expand our partnerships with other town leaders.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Tunbridge, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Todd Tyson folkbloke@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working together with Corinth, Chelsea, Vershire, and Topsham.</li> </ul>	
<b>Vershire, VT</b> Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Neil Hochstedler neilhochstedler@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weatherization of the Church/Orr house, home of Versshare, a Vershire-based and focused community nonprofit.</li> <li>Working together with Corinth, Chelsea, Topsham, and Tunbridge.</li> </ul>	
<b>Walpole, NH</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Andrew Dey andrew@andrewdey.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trivillage Energy Committee (but if we were to reconstitute the group, recommended name change to Walpole Energy Group).</li> <li>We're still just trying/hoping to get organized as an energy group.</li> </ul>	
<b>Washington, NH</b> A subcommittee of another commission	Andrew Hatch andrewhatch@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visited the Washington Elementary School with infrared camera. School has ice dam, icicle, and HVAC problems. Identified areas of heat loss and presented evidence. Eversource energy audit commissioned for March.</li> </ul>	
<b>Weathersfield, VT</b> Town Energy Coordinator (no committee)	Julia Lloyd Wright darthol@sover.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held several workshops on cold climate heat pumps.</li> <li>Distributed updated town energy flyers with helpful hints on weatherization and reducing energy use.</li> </ul>	
<b>Windham, VT</b> Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	William Dunkel bdunkel@lovet.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in Efficiency Vermont's Button Up Hero program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Windsor, VT</b> Ad hoc citizen's energy committee	Brendan Dangelo danbrendan@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town Plan is looking to be updated to reflect energy goals by 2050.</li> </ul>	
<b>Woodstock, VT</b> Action group within Sustainable Woodstock	Zach Ralph zach@sustainablewoodstock.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rainbow Playschool community solar array- 150 kWh community solar array that around 16 households can purchase into, leaving the rest of the solar energy generated for the school, with savings around \$17,000 yearly!</li> <li>Working with COVER Home Repair, SEVCA, Efficiency Vermont, and local volunteers to connect low income home owners with state and local resources. \$1,000 grants to individual families fill the gaps of weatherization projects where state and local initiatives cannot meet the full need.</li> </ul>	