

Upper Valley Energy Committee Updates (from February 2018 Survey)

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Transportation



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Energy Efficiency



Renewable Energy



Municipal
Building Improvement





















Energy
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Public education

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Andover, NH Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Larry Chase lbchase@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared report in January 2018 with energy upgrade recommendations for Town offices 	
Barnard, VT Committee serving directly under Selectboard	Elizabeth Ferry ferry@innevi.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catamount Solar installed a rooftop array on the new municipal fire & rescue building. Will be net-metered and shared among 5 town buildings. Completed Energy Innovation inventory, tabulated the results, and invited some of the high-level responders to share their work. 	
Bethel, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jose Lazo joseLazo2355@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in Round 1 of Weatherize Upper Valley Ongoing work with Act 174 enhanced energy planning 	
Bradford, VT A subcommittee of the conservation commission	Nancy Jones npj@valley.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have asked the Selectboard to appoint an official Energy Committee Purchased texts and energy kits for Bradford Elementary School project Purchased solar-powered holiday lights for downtown 	
Canaan, NH No official committee (ad-hoc committee forming)	Chuck Townsend chucktownsend@icloud.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No official committee, but interested in forming one Working on the Energy section of the Canaan Master Plan update 	
Cavendish, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Peter LaBelle peterjlabelle@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted workshops for residents on heat pumps, wood heating, hydroponics, and weatherization 	
Chelsea, VT Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Phillip Mulligan phillipgmulligan@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convened Orange County legislators to discuss energy issues in February 2018 – well attended with good exchange between legislators and committee 	
Claremont, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Michael McCrory mmccrory@claremontnh.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and adopted new Energy Chapter for the Master Plan Received approval from City Council for on-site solar project at Wastewater Treatment Plant Received Municipal Energy Champion award during NH Energy Week. 	

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Cornish, NH Energy committee serving directly under Select Board	Mary Boyle mary.n.boyle@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready for 100 Action campaign – passed resolution at Town Meeting • Weatherize Upper Valley • Renewable energy educational series • Continued collaboration with Plainfield Energy Committee 	
Eastman, NH Subcommittee of Sustainable Eastman	Susan Goodwin neet.goodwin@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started the process for two 100 kW solar systems to power the sewage treatment system in Eastman 	
Enfield, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Charles DePuy bayside@valley.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of town’s streetlight inventory by half • Closing for PPA for Department of Public Works after Town Meeting approval • Ongoing lighting efficiency upgrades for municipal buildings 	
Grantham, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jenna Chenevert jennachenevert@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered with Eastman Energy to promote HVAC, heat pump, and high efficiency wood heat information nights 	
Hanover, NH Sustainable Hanover committee	Marjorie Rogalski marjorie890@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Town staff to create warrant article calling for transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030 – passed unanimously at 2017 Town Meeting • Formed new energy sub-committee to work toward this goal 	
Hartford, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Geoff Martin gmartin@hartford-vt.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful participation in Weatherize Upper Valley • Creating comprehensive Town Energy Plan that addresses residents’ needs as well as municipal behavior • Hired full-time Town Energy Coordinator 	
Hartland, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Karl Kemnitzer kkemvt@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting bicycles and electric vehicles • Expanding 100% renewable energy goals across the Upper Valley 	
Lebanon, NH Energy advisory committee serving under city council	Clifton Below clifton.below@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council approved development of Landfill Gas to Energy project • NH PUC approved new net metering tariffs consistent with City recommendations and also worked with Liberty Utilities to develop municipal aggregating pilot with real time pricing • Secured agreement with Liberty Utilities offering LED street lighting and possibility of municipally-owned and operated dimmable “smart” street lighting 	

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Lyme, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Mark Bolinger mark.bolinger@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed 18 kW array on Town Office building • Lighting retrofit at the town highway garage facility • Participating in Weatherize Upper Valley Round Two 	
New London, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jamie Hess nordicskate@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with Vital Communities to host UV Electric Vehicle Expo • Began studying the feasibility of installing solar arrays on municipal buildings and on town-owned land 	
Norwich, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Linda Gray linda.c.gray@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherize Upper Valley Round One • Enhanced Energy Planning under Act 174 with help from Regional Planning Commission 	
Orford, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Edmond Cooley tedc@cooley-company.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherization projects on Orford Town Offices • Weatherize Upper Valley Round Two with Piermont and Lyme 	
Piermont, NH No official committee	Peter Labounty crowsroost1@charter.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherize Upper Valley Round Two with Orford and Lyme 	
Plainfield, NH Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Steve Ladd stevenaladd@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluded a year-long Ready for 100 campaign • Weatherize Upper Valley Round Two with Cornish • Monthly renewable energy education programs 	
Randolph, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jennifer Phipps jnnfrhipps804@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherize Upper Valley Round One with Brookfield and Braintree • Educating ourselves and town residents about the Energy Dashboard 	
Reading, VT No official committee, but interest in forming one	Becky Basch rebecabasch@comcast.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on the Enhanced Energy chapter of the Town Plan • Participated in Weatherize Upper Valley with the Ascutney Area Sustainability Collaborative 	
Rockingham, VT A subcommittee of the planning, conservation, or other commission	Peter Bergstrom pwbergstrom@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuaded the Village of Bellows Falls, Rockingham Free Public Library, and Town of Rockingham to sign solar agreements, mostly for a new array to be built on a former gravel pit, saving about \$20,000 a year • Documented over 570 energy actions on the Community Energy Dashboard – about half of all actions for Windham County 	
Royalton, VT No energy committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Weatherize Upper Valley Round One with Sharon and Bethel • Trying to get started as an energy group 	

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Sharon, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Ryan Haac thaacr@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Energy Planning has begun to motivate town members around energy issues – even resulted in a few new members! 	
Springfield, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Char Osterlund charmfa@vermontel.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in Weatherize Upper Valley Round Two 	
St. Johnsbury, VT Energy committee and Town Energy Coordinator	James Wuertele wuertele@myfairpoint.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None in 2017 	
Strafford, VT Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Doc Bagley docbagley@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strafford Edible Pocket Park – championed by Barb and Wally Smith Elizabeth Mine 7 MW DC array online 	
Thetford, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Bob Walker bobwalkervt@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued working on 2 community solar projects – one to be built starting in spring 2018 Enhanced Energy Plan to be complete this year 	
Topsham, VT Town energy coordinator (no committee)	Maureen Hurley 4peaches@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a meeting to discuss energy issues with local legislators with nearby towns 	
Tunbridge, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Todd Tyson folkbloke@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have just reconstituted the TEC in the last few months 	
Vershire, VT Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Neil Hochstedler neilhochstedler@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convened Orange County legislators to discuss energy issues in February 2018 – well attended with good exchange between legislators and committee 	
Washington, NH A subcommittee of another commission	Andrew Hatch andrewhatch@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetinghouse received funding to be renovated, including additional insulation thanks to advocacy from Energy Committee Selectboard member Offered infrared camera assessments and window and door weatherization kits through the Washington Warm Neighbors program 	
Weathersfield, VT Town Energy Coordinator (no committee)	Julia Lloyd Wright lloydwrightjulia@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with COVER and SEVCA to provide owners of older homes with weatherization services Working with state to install EV charging stations at Exit 8 Park and Ride and in village of Ascutney 	

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Windham, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Bill Dunkel bdunkel1455@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee oversees a \$5,000 town weatherization fund • Exploring the feasibility of a community solar array on town-owned land • Hosted well-attended energy fair in November 	
Windsor, VT Ad hoc citizen's energy committee	Brendan Dangelo danbrendan@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherize Upper Valley Round One • Ascutney Area Sustainability Cooperative 	
Woodstock, VT Action group within Sustainable Woodstock	Zach Ralph zach@sustainablewoodstock.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Green Drinks event highlighting sustainability initiatives, usually around energy. Notable: Solar Beer event in conjunction with SunCommon, giving out free samples of beer brewed with 100% solar energy • Worked with municipal manager to sign on to Ready For 100% initiative. • Working with Selectboard to gather municipal energy usage, conduct energy audits of municipal buildings, and make plan for weatherization • Plans to sign a solar PPA for town of Woodstock 	