


Upper Valley Energy Committee Updates (from January 2020 Survey)

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Andover, NH Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Larry Chase lbchase@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weatherize and Solarize campaigns in collaboration with other Kearsarge region towns. Coordinated through Kearsarge Climate Action, with support from Vital Communities. 	 
Barnard, VT Committee serving directly under Selectboard	Elizabeth Ferry ewferry@icloud.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Down to two members. Have invited new members via list-serv and Button Up with no response yet. Improved relations with the Select Board. Using TRORC (regional planning office) resources to educate ourselves and to share information via list-serv on policy and practical issues. Positioning ourselves to take action on rural transportation. Charging station at Town Hall (near State Park)? Supporting TCI legislation? Looking into designated commuter parking and sidewalks in town? 	  
Bethel, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Nicole Cyr ncyr@vtc.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-hosted Solarize Bethel Region: 15 homes solarized for a total of 110 KW of new solar power! Hosted EV Car Show during National Drive Electric Week: A dozen EV's participated and gave over 40 test rides! Participated/ tabled at a total of 6 events during 2019! 	  
Bradford, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Kathleen Bigford kathleen.bigford@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formed in January 2020 as Bradford's first energy committee! Engaging with other local committees and volunteer groups through Kearsarge Climate Action 	
Brownsville, VT (W. Windsor) Ad-hoc citizen's committee, for the time being	Scott Brohinsky scott.brohinsky@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just formed this year. We've begun our efforts over the past few months and are planning an awareness/education effort for late spring. 	
Canaan, NH Ad-hoc citizen's committee	Chuck Townsend chucktownsend@me.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in a Weatherize campaign with Enfield. 	
Cavendish, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Peter LaBelle peterjlabelle@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for and awarded a state grant for EV charging station in our village. Conducted town-wide energy survey of residents. Held workshop on composting. 	 

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Chelsea, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Phillip Mulligan energywright@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After several years of being largely inactive, this year we completed an Advanced Wood Heat feasibility study for the Town Hall and received a go ahead from the Selectboard to pursue proposals 	
Claremont, NH Energy committee serving directly under City Council	Scott Osgood sosgood@claremontnh.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a comprehensive solar ordinance for Claremont Hosted a Button Up workshop Wrote several newspaper articles 	
Corinth, VT Town energy coordinator	Timothy O'Dell todell6@juno.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less active than in prior years. Until carbon fuels are other than ridiculously cheap, the rock can only roll up the hill a limited distance. 	
Cornish, NH Energy committee serving directly under Select Board	Joanna Sharf josharf@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed a solar ordinance at Town Meeting 2019, protecting and regulating solar installations. Held Grid Modernization educational forum in April 2019, which highlighted ways that the Grid can incorporate renewables. 	
Enfield, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jo-Ellen Courtney jecourtney820@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We previously met quarterly, now meeting monthly. Invited Canaan join us as a non-voting part of our Energy Committee. This will provide more opportunities to collaborate. Partnered with Canaan on a Weatherize campaign 	
Grafton, NH No official committee, but interested in forming one	Steve Darrow sjdarrow@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the process of reforming after being dormant for some time 	
Grantham, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jenna Chenevert jennachenevert@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held an info night on Energy Efficient Building materials featuring net zero builders and suppliers of building materials Participating in Weatherize Kearsarge and held a mini Weatherization event at the Grantham Town Hall in February 2020 	
Hanover, NH Subcommittee of Sustainable Hanover, serving directly under the Hanover Selectboard	Yolanda Baumgartner yfoursh@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-wide total solar is now over 2MW following Solarize 2019 and new installations by the Town and Dartmouth College. Voters gave the Select Board authority to enter into leases and PPA agreements for solar on town properties. Facilitated Liberty Utilities/NHSaves program to help businesses, non-profits, schools and town departments with energy efficiency. Weatherize campaign in progress. Connected with the Hanover High School Environmental Club to support the students' Climate Action Plan 	

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Hartford, VT Energy commission serving directly under Selectboard	Erik Krauss ekrauss@bluevertex.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with Town staff to develop a policy requiring new construction to be net zero. Voluntary pilot program to begin in 2020. Worked with Town staff, Resilient Hartford, Selectboard and School District to adopt a joint resolution declaring a climate emergency and propose a warrant article to make municipal activity carbon neutral by 2027. 	 
Hartland, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Karl Kemnitzer kkemvt@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with Dee Gish of TRORC (regional planning office) to create an Enhanced Energy Chapter in our town plan Presented a proposal on neighborhood solar + storage microgrids to Green Mountain Power's innovation team 	 
Lebanon, NH Advisory Committee serving directly under City Council	Clifton Below clifton.below@lebanonnh.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar PV installations on 7 City sites totaling about 700 kW capacity completed, supplying nearly 1/4 of City's own load. Supported legislation better enabling community power aggregations. 	
Lyme, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Mark Bolinger mark.bolinger@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for (and received) local grant to upgrade Lyme's streetlights to LEDs (work not yet completed). Drafted "Ready for 100" warrant article for 2020 Town Meeting. Provided energy-related input on new fire station design/construction. 	  
New London, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Jamie Hess nordicskate@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed an LED lighting upgrade at our 14,000-square foot town library, and gave the go-ahead for an LED upgrade at our 8,000-square foot public works garage. Broke ground on two municipal solar arrays, consisting of over 600 panels with a power output of 220 kilowatts, coming online this year. 	  
Newbury, NH Ad hoc citizens committee	Joy Nowell joy@newburynh.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Weatherize Campaign and Solarize Campaign Met with solar installer about possibilities on town buildings / land 	  
Norwich, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Linda Gray linda.c.gray@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched a "Save 20% in 2020" challenge to households, businesses, to reduce carbon emissions by 20% in 2020; works as an umbrella campaign for existing efforts on solar and weatherization, plus transportation and food. Worked with an energy performance contractor to propose energy upgrades to our town hall, including switching to ground-source heat pumps (from fuel oil); to be voted on at Town Meeting 2020. 	   

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Orford, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Edmond Cooley tedc@cooley-company.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified and posted energy information (with permission). Objective has been and remains to provide information on saving energy, learning now to save energy, implementing energy saving practices, etc. More communication with community. Looking for grants for specific energy projects. 	
Piermont, NH A subcommittee of the conservation commission	Peter Labounty peter.labounty@charter.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doing town building maintenance, trying to update lighting. 	
Plainfield, NH Ad-hoc citizen's energy committee	Steve Ladd plainfieldec@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational events series: Heat Pumps, Electric Grid & Renewable Energy Sources, Electric Power Tools Showcase, Electricity 101 Reassessing Energy Committee Goals and Ready for 100 Implementation Planning Received New England Grassroots Fund grant Investigated Community Electric/Municipal Aggregation Prepared for Weatherize 2020 	
Randolph, VT Energy committee serving directly under selectboard	Jen Phipps ec@randolphvt.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Energy Committee spent most of the year supporting R3 projects, particularly the Business and Home Energy Task Force. The Energy Committee supported this task force with a number of workshops, including a workshop for landlords in February, an alternative heating workshop in early spring, and a workshop on electrical cars in the summer. A new committee, the R3 Energy Task Force, was created to capture the momentum of the R3 project. 	
Reading, VT Energy committee serving directly under selectboard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently in transition, hard to get new volunteers to commit. So less active than in prior years. 	
Rockingham, VT A subcommittee of the planning, conservation, or other commission	Peter Bergstrom pwbergstrom@gmail.com	Worked with Efficiency Vermont in 2019 to accomplish the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68 individual Home Energy Visits (walk throughs) advising homeowners on priorities for increasing energy efficiency. Completed 6 Business Energy visits; engaged 7 local landlords; completed 9 multifamily housing walk-throughs resulting in education on financing and incentives while providing 3 referrals to state weatherization agency partners. 251 people visited the ZEM Home while it was at the Waypoint Center, which in itself resulted in 2 newspaper articles, 2 landlord connections and 11 home energy visit requests. 	

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Rockingham, VT (continued)	Peter Bergstrom pwbergstrom@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency projects on two town buildings, with funding help from Efficiency Vermont. • Efficiency Vermont is working with two charity organizations to help them use special community funds that go beyond normal incentives. • The Rockingham EC organized a public Button Up event at the Rockingham Library on Oct. 23, 2019, attended by 6 people. 	
Sharon, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Ryan Haac thaacr@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured funding for a new communal tool: a digital thermal imaging camera for Sharon residents to empower individuals to make informed decisions about personal projects and identify larger issues that would warrant help from a professional. The library will serve as the lending hub for the camera and our committee will provide technical support and host workshops to train everyday users of the device (e.g., take pictures of the library or the Town Offices). The Selectboard and library were both VERY receptive to the idea. 	
Springfield, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Char Osterlund charmfv@vermontel.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button Up campaign with Efficiency Vermont • Open House to see how solar, storage, cold climate heat pump, insulation and wood pellets all work together 	
St. Johnsbury, VT Energy committee serving directly under the selectboard	Pam Parker Pparkervt@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with Efficiency Vermont on town-wide free energy audits for businesses and residences. • Hooked up large public buildings with funding for energy upgrades. • Shared information about the climate crisis at Farmers Markets, outdoor concerts, harvest festivals, film showings. 	
Strafford, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Doc Bagley docbagley@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window Dressers interior storm window project with Thetford • Warrant article at town meeting calling for action on climate change 	
Sunapee, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Keith Chrisman chrismankw@icloud.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're still just trying to get organized as a new energy committee, nothing to report yet! We're looking into energy use at town buildings to start, with a goal of ultimately reducing town energy expenditures. 	
Thetford, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Michael Kiess thetfordenergy@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thetford Community Solar - 100% community owned by more than 12 shareholders, also benefiting the non-profits Thetford Library Federation and the Thetford Water Co-op. • Window Dressers in partnership with Strafford - 249 low cost internal storm windows assembled by volunteers for 16 households in Thetford and 17 households in Strafford, with grant funds to reduce costs for income qualifying households. 	

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Vershire, VT No longer officially active	Neil Hochstedler neilhochstedler@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weatherization continues on Church/Orr house: attic and foundation airsealing and additional insulation, interior storm windows. Participated in Thetford's Window Dressers interior storm window workshop. 	
Warner, NH Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	Susan Hemingway hemingwaysue@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood bank for those in need. Side walk project for local short distance travel. 	
Washington, NH A subcommittee of another town commission	Andrew Hatch andrewhatch@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in converting our Town Garage and Camp Morgan meeting space to LED lighting. Coordinated two audits for the Elementary School and Old School House. 	
Weathersfield, VT Town Energy Coordinator (no committee)	Julia Lloyd Wright lloydwrightjulia@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering several heat pump workshops Handing out information for homeowners on weatherization projects and funding, rebates Town energy flyer Attempting to install EV charging stations Working with infra-red camera 	
Windham, VT Energy committee serving directly under Selectboard	William Dunkel bdunkel1455@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized a fall energy fair in collaboration with Efficiency Vermont's Button Up VT program. Finalized town's enhanced energy plan. 	
Windsor, VT Ad hoc citizen's energy committee	Diane Foulds attfoulds@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We hosted a Button Up workshop in November 2019. We conducted a townwide anti-plastic produce sticker drive to raise public awareness in advance of the July 2020 Vt. Law banning food scraps from trash. 	
Woodstock, VT Action group within Sustainable Woodstock	Zach Ralph zach@sustainablewoodstock.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd annual Solar Showcase on the Woodstock village green as part of the Taste of Woodstock street festival. 8 solar contractors attended/ sponsored. We raised funds for ongoing projects with a raffle on solar powered prizes. ~100 people attended. Promoted the Rainbow Solar community solar array, including a public comment event and an event for interested off takers. We also worked with the Woodstock Planning Commission to send a letter of support to the Public Service Board. All the shares of 150 kWh array were filled in fall 2019; the project broke ground in Woodstock at the end of 2019. 	