

2022 Upper Valley Energy Committee Updates

The following is a summary of updates provided in a spring 2022 energy committee survey conducted by Vital Communities, Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN), and NH Local Energy Solutions (LES)



Farms and Food



Renewable Energy



Energy Planning



Energy Efficiency



Transportation Efficiency
(E-Bikes, EVs, Public Transit)



Municipal Building
Improvement



Public Education












Town and Partner
Collaboration





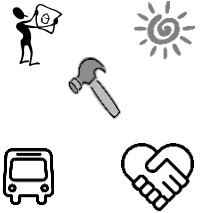
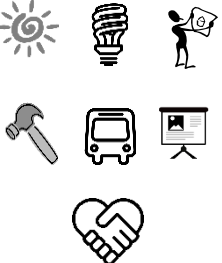
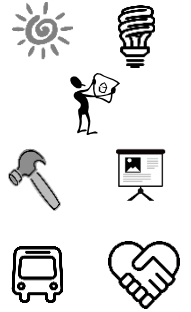
Young or Evolving
Committee





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<p>Andover Energy Group (NH), an ad-hoc citizen's committee</p> <p>Larry Chase, lbchase@aol.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library 2022 	
<p>Barnard Town Energy Committee (VT), a committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Elizabeth Ferry, ewferry@icloud.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with IREC Geoff Martin, completed engineering plans, hired a contractor, and completed weatherization of the Barnard Town Hall 	
<p>Bethel Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Nicole Cyr, ncyr@vtc.edu www.facebook.com/bethelvermontenergycommittee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 2nd annual National Drive Electric Week event (EV Car Show) - about 75-100 visitors 	

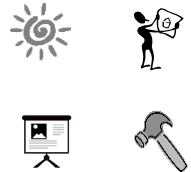
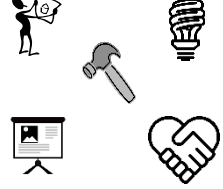


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<p>Bradford Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Kathleen Bigford, kathleen.bigford@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed weatherization of Brown Memorial Library Completed audits on four town buildings Warrant article approved for library weatherization Warrant article approved for highway garage weatherization Researched solar opportunities for highway garage 	
<p>Bradford Energy Committee (VT), a subcommittee of the planning, conservation or other commission</p> <p>BradfordEnergyCommittee@gmail.com https://bradford-vt.us/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed audits of all town buildings Participated in a WindowDressers build Hosted zoom program on community solar w/ Bristol Energy Committee Working on energy section of town plan Energy Star Portfolio Promoted energy coordinator position to Selectboard, Promoted new EV charging station to Selectboard Promoted green procurement for town departments Are re-forming after dormancy and prioritizing our goals 	
<p>Cavendish Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Peter LaBelle, peterjlabelle@aol.com www.cavendishvt.com/energy-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a well-attended composting workshop run by the Regional Solid Waste District with a composter door prize Hosted a Heat Pump Workshop Hosted an E-Bike showcase event 	
<p>Chelsea Energy Commission (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Phillip Mulligan, energywright@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in an Energy Savings low income/mobile home outreach program with Vital Communities 	
<p>Claremont Energy Advisory Committee (NH), City Council did not reappoint members for 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked on EV charging station plan and layout of charging stations Sought grant funding to pay for stations Developed an RFQ to obtain energy efficiency auditing services through an Energy Services Company that would lead to energy savings performance contracts 	






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<p>Cornish Energy Committee, NH, an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Joanna Sharf, josharf@gmail.com</p> <p>www.cornishnh.net/?page_id=881</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted successful Energy Expo in Sept, 2021 with presentations on solar, heat pumps, weatherization, e-bikes, EV's, and more • Cornish, Plainfield, Hartland, and Windsor partnered on a 2022 Solarize campaign that is off to a strong start 	
<p>Enfield Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Jo-Ellen Courtney, jecourtney820@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined Community Power Coalition of NH • Developed an Energy Plan • Conducted three public hearings for public input • Providing FAQ about the Energy Plan on local listserv • Providing information on the Community Power plan and other energy info in monthly town newsletter 	
<p>Fairlee Energy Committee (VT), ad-hoc citizens committee</p> <p>Douglas Fraser, Douglas.fraser@dartmouth.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Dormant 	
<p>Grantham Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/granthamenergycommittee</p> <p>TJ Alexander tj_alexander@comcast.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic put public meetings on hold, group is in a reforming process 	

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<p>Sustainable Hanover (NH), a subcommittee of Sustainable Hanover, serving directly under the Hanover Selectboard</p> <p>Yolanda Baumgartner and Julia Griffin, co-chairs sustainablehanovernh@gmail.com</p> <p>www.sustainablehanovernh.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finished 3-year Solarize campaign to double number of solar homes in Hanover: Reached and surpassed goal, growing from 125 in 2018 to 275 in 2021. In 2021 Hanover saw its first senior apartment buildings with solar, first church building with solar, and 1st large ground solar array. Applied for and received federal funds to convert all Liberty-owned high pressure sodium streetlights to LED fixtures with dimming and timer controls. Community Power Coalition of NH incorporated in October of 2021 and now has 19 member NH cities and towns, with short-term goal of bidding for green power for retail electricity customers in all member towns in spring of 2023. Community-wide solar installation: 40% of this was installed by the Town and provides sufficient power to meet over 90% of the Town's municipal electricity load. Energized Equity, Inclusion, and Justice values by collaborating with the new Energy Justice Clinic at Dartmouth. <i>Student interns are evaluating justice considerations for the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and energy insecurity in the student community.</i> Presented Hanover's Community Power Energy Action Plan to voters who approved the Plan at Town Meeting in July 2021 Collaborated with Norwich Energy Committee on a successful WindowDressers build 	
<p>Hartford Energy Commission (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Molly Smith, msmith@vermontlaw.edu</p> <p>www.hartford-vt.org/2229/Energy-Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted EV webinar Creation of a Climate Action Plan Participated in 2021 UV E-bike Lending Library Partnering with Hartland to host a WindowDressers Community Build 	

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<p>Hartland Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Sarah Bruce, brewsterscroft@vermontel.net</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/HartlandEnergyCommittee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornish, Plainfield, Hartland, and Windsor partnered on a 2022 Solarize campaign that is off to a strong start • Employed a 2019 Hartland Enhanced Energy Plan for the Planning Commission to use in the revised Town Plan • After a 2-year COVID delay, Hartland and Hartford are partnering on a WindowDressers Community Build • Finalizing a proposal for weatherization and fuel switching for the Hartland Public Library HVAC system • Passed a Climate Resolution for Hartland on March 1, 2022 with 75% approval 	
<p>Lyme Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Jim Nourse, Jim.nourse@gmail.com</p> <p>https://www.lymenh.gov/energy-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic has affected meeting attendance – Once the Governor’s Emergency Declaration expired, it was required to have a physically present quorum to meet which has proven difficult. • Currently holding a fundraising campaign to install solar PV for the new Fire House 	
<p>New London Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Jamieson Hess, nordicskate@gmail.com</p> <p>https://newlondon.nh.gov/energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed a financial analysis of municipal solar arrays at the end of their first full year of production. Certified that they were operating at zero cost to taxpayers – Thereby building community support for Phase 2 of municipal solar development. • Canvassed town departments to gauge their interest in acquiring an electric vehicle. As a result, Public Works Department now plans to purchase an electric pickup truck in fiscal year 2023 or 2024. • Hosted UV E-Bike Lending Library in 2022 	

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<p>Newbury Energy (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>Lisa Correa c.lisa@gmail.com newburyenergy@newburynh.org</p> <p>www.NewburyNH.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar array at Waste Water Treatment Facility passed at March Town Meeting, using PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) 	
<p>Norwich Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Norwich.energy.committee@gmail.com http://norwichenergycommittee.weebly.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued “Eat Low and Local” challenges to households and businesses to eliminate fossil fuels and reduce carbon footprint through locally sourced food (CSAs) Maintained umbrella campaigns for existing efforts on solar, weatherization, heating, transportation, and food Hosted well attended Earth Day event, in collaboration with neighboring towns, featuring EVs and E-Bikes Participated in a WindowDressers Build Participated in the UV E-Bike Lending Library Launched a “Neighbor Info Network” on website for peer-to-peer support 	
<p>Orford Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Select Board</p> <p>energy@orfordnh.us</p>		
<p>Plainfield Energy Committee (NH), an ad-hoc citizens committee</p> <p>Even Oxenham, Even.oxenham@gmail.com www.plainfieldnh.org/energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornish, Plainfield, Hartland, and Windsor partnered on a 2022 Solarize campaign that is off to a strong start Held successful Energy Expo in September 2021 	

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<p>Reading Energy Committee (VT), a subcommittee of the planning, conservation or other commission</p> <p>Gary Dir gdir@comcast.net readingenergyboard@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated three residential weatherization projects Put out a drinking water quality survey to prepare residents' awareness of basic needs, like drinking water, in the event of climate disaster 	
<p>Randolph Energy Advisory Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Gary Dir gdir@comcast.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated free e-bike loaner program with Local Motion out of Burlington Hosted Weatherization Workshop with Efficiency Vermont (Becca White). Held Municipal audits in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont 	
<p>Valley Energy & Climate Action Rochester Climate (VECAC) & Rochester Area Climate Initiative (RACI) (VT), an ad-hoc citizens committee; Serving the towns of Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield</p> <p>Jeffrey L. Gephart Vtwise@together.net www.vtrural.org/programs/model-communities/report/rochester</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing the Rochester Area Climate Initiative: identifying needs, prioritizing them, and forming task forces to implement work needed Mow Electric! campaign 	
<p>Rockingham Energy Committee (VT), a subcommittee of another town commission</p> <p>Peter Bergstrom rockinghamvtenergy@gmail.com www.facebook.com/RockinghamConservationCommission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built 188 inside storm windows for 22 customers, about half at reduced or no cost for low-income residents participating in WindowDressers 	

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<p>Sharon Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Ryan Haac sharonenergycommittee@gmail.com</p> <p>www.sharonvt.net/organization/energy-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in Energy Savings Mobile Home Outreach program Hosted the Upper Valley E-Bike lending library Spring 2022 Participation with Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC), collaboration with other Steering Committee members, and the professional expertise of the IREC has been a ‘magnificent success’ 	
<p>Springfield Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Char Osterlund, charm@vermontel.net <i>Previous Chair of Springfield Energy Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Active in 2021 Selectboard looking to recruit new members 	
<p>Strafford Energy and Climate Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>energy@straffordvt.org www.straffordvt.org/energy-commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted educational Zoom presentations—on EVs, plastics, heat pumps, and one with Rep Tim Briglin. Plan to host more events, and save recordings on the website 	
<p>Town of Sunapee Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard</p> <p>Keith Chrisman, chrismankw@icloud.com</p> <p>www.town.sunapee.nh.us/boards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working towards municipal solar use 	
<p>Joint Thetford Energy Committee (VT), an energy committee serving directly under the Selectboard and School Board</p> <p>Nolan Riegler, Nolan.riegler@gmail.com</p> <p>www.thetfordvt.gov/government/energy-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with Window Dressers to build over 150 inserts for the Thetford Elementary School. Created and maintained an EV and E-Bike Ambassador program and hosted several events to promote both modes of electric transportation Participated in the UV E-Bike Lending Library 2021 Season Currently undergoing a transition and recently re-formed as a “Joint Committee” looking to fill membership with additional representatives from both schools in Thetford to broaden perspective and impact 	

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<p>Tunbridge Energy Committee</p> <p>Todd Tyson folkbloke@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRORC designated Tunbridge with Enhanced Energy status • Working with the Planning Commission, the Selectboard, the Emergency Management Coordinator, Efficiency VT and Norwich Solar Technologies to develop a long term resilient, carbon reducing town energy plan 	
<p>Warner Energy Committee (NH), an energy committee serving directly under Selectboard</p> <p>Clyde Carson ccarson@warner.nh.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established a Community Power Committee to develop and present an Energy Aggregation Plan for the town, for approval at 2023 town meeting. 	
<p>Windsor Energy and Sustainability Committee (VT), an ad hoc citizen's energy committee</p> <p>windsorenergycommittee@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established official Energy Committee approval by Selectboard in 2021! • Cornish, Plainfield, Hartland, and Windsor partnered on a 2022 Solarize campaign that is off to a strong start 	
<p>Sustainable Woodstock Energy Action and Transportation Group (VT), an action group within Sustainable Woodstock</p> <p>Jenevra Wetmore Programs@sustainablewoodstock.org www.sustainablewoodstock.org/our-programs/energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted UV E-Bike Lending Library • Participated in Energy Savings Mobile Home Outreach program with Vital Communities • Hosted multiple online well-attended events focused on climate and energy, such as EVs and Heat Pumps 	