Local Energy Committees
101/201
For Freshman, Sophomores, and Seniors

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- **Jill Longval**, Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Show of Hands

Raise your hand if...

- You are hailing from a ...
- SMALL TOWN (<3,000)
- MID-SIZED TOWN (3-7,000)
- BIG TOWN (7-15,000)
- CITY SLICKER (15k+)
Show of Hands

Raise your hand if....

Your town has an energy committee

You are a member of your town’s energy committee

Your energy committee is fairly new

You know which towns nearby have energy committees

You know who’s doing what & where to go before re-inventing the wheel
Town Energy Committees
Many Ways to Slice ‘Em

STRUCTURE
Committee serving under a selectboard
Sub-committee of Conservation Commission
Ad-hoc citizen’s group
Part of a regional hub

Meetings Monthly or As Needed
What Energy Committees Do

Reduce Municipal Energy Use

Educate and Inspire Action

Regional Collaboration

Improve Local Energy Planning and Policy
Common Projects 2016
From the Upper Valley

#1 Community Outreach/Education
  ● Solar
  ● Energy Efficiency
  ● Heat Pumps

#2 Municipal Renewable Energy

#3 State Energy Policy

#4 Municipal Benchmarking and Energy Efficiency Projects
Common Challenges 2016

From the Upper Valley

#1 Lack of new members/volunteers

#2 (A tie)
  • Complexity of projects
  • Volunteer Burnout

#3 Lack of funding

#4 (a tie)
  • State/local policy barriers
  • Lack of support from town leaders
Common Motivators 2016
From the Upper Valley

#1 Reduce Energy Use
#2 Save the Town and Citizens Money
#3 Reduce Carbon Footprint
Goals for this session:

- Know where to go for ideas/assistance/inspiration
- Remember you are NOT alone
- Connect with one another
New Hampshire Local Energy Solutions

- LES Training Series - Conference, Webinars, & Newsletter
- Strategic Energy Action Toolkit
- Resources & Project Profiles
- Technical Assistance
- Map of Energy Committees & Regional Energy Hubs

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LES Training Series

Upcoming Webinars
Check back soon for details about our next webinar!

Past Webinars

USDA Rural Development's Tools for Financing Energy Projects
(May 18, 2016)

Energy-Focused Legislative Update
(March 9, 2016)
*Note: Slides will begin after introduction.
The Introduction slides can be viewed below.

(February 10, 2016)

Watch Now

nhenergy.org/les-webinars.html
Strategic Energy Action Toolkit

Planning + Action = Maximum Impact

nhenergy.org/strategic-energy-action.html
Technical Assistance

Sarah Brock (Simonds)
Energy Program Manager, Vital Communities & LES Work Group Co-Chair

Contact me about:
- Upper Valley energy work
- Launching a Solarize program
- Strategic Energy Action Toolkit

Jill Longval
Environmental Planner, Nashua Regional Planning Commission & LES Work Group Co-Chair

Contact me about:
- Aggregation for purchase of electricity
- Community energy plan documents
- Regulatory audits
- Hazard mitigation planning

Scott Albert
Principal, GDS Associates

Contact me about:
- Residential, municipal, and commercial energy efficiency options
- Energy Master Action Planning (EMAP) Strategies
- Renewable energy options

Kristin Bahny

LES Work Group Members

nhenergy.org/contact-us.html
Project Profiles

Explore the Database or Create Your Own

nhenergy.org/local-energy-action.html
Map of Energy Committees

nhenergy.org/community-energy-group-map.html

Connect With Other Groups

MWV CEEC

Town
MWV CEEC

Name
MWV Citizens for Energy Efficient Communities

Contact
Raymond O'Brien

Additional Information
The Mt. Washington Valley Citizens for Energy Efficient Communities (MWVCEEC) is a volunteer organization promoting the economic and environmental benefits of improving energy efficiency in the Mount Washington Valley.
Connect & collaborate with energy groups at the regional level

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Energy & Environmental Planning Services

Quality of life and a clean and healthy environment go hand-in-hand. NRPC’s energy, water, household hazardous waste, and hazard mitigation planning programs reflect our commitment to our region’s environment for today’s citizens and future generations.

NRPC is a registered aggregator with the NH Public Utilities Commission and offers energy aggregation services to municipalities and school districts. NRPC Energy Aggregation members enjoy significant savings on their electric utility bills. More
Inclusive / Holistic / Impactful

Going deeper with your local energy work
Challenges:

- Lack of new members/volunteers
- Complexity of projects
- Volunteer burnout
- Lack of funding
- State/local policy barriers
- Lack of support from town leaders
Motivators:

#1 Reduce Energy Use
#2 Save the Town and Citizens Money
#3 Reduce Carbon Footprint

Increase ACCESS

Build Community

Catalyze Conversations & Create space for Dialogue

Address Health Issues

Develop a Local Economy

Increase Community Resilience
Who Is In Your Community?:
- Farmers
- Homeowners
- Renters
- Churches
- Municipal officials
- Parents
- Social workers
- Doctors
- Youth
- Teachers
- Fixed & Low-Income Earners
Creating a more inclusive & holistic project:

- Invite members of your community to participate on your committee or an advisory board for your project
- Find ways to lower barriers to engagement & access
- Prioritize projects that have “co-benefits” or “stack functions”
Resist ... protecting against harm from the current system

Reform ... working within the current system

Recreate ... generating new systems

Reimagine ... conceptualizing new systems

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New England Grassroots Environment Fund

- **Up to $1,000**
  - Rolling Applications
- **Up to $3,500**
  - Deadlines Mar. 15 & Sep. 15
- **Up to $5,000**
  - Invitation Only

*seed*  
Up to $1,000  
Rolling Applications

*grow*  
Up to $3,500  
Deadlines Mar. 15 & Sep. 15

*harvest*  
Up to $5,000  
Invitation Only
Guiding Values

Just Transition
Shifting Power: Transparency, Accountability, Democracy
Lowering Barriers To Funding
Flexibility and ‘Risk’-Taking
Change Versus Charity
Community-Based Fundraising
Process is The Product
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Mt. Washington Valley Citizens for Energy Efficient Communities
### Energy Committee

#### 2nd Annual Drive Electric Event
The Energy Committee of the Town of Durham, NH invites you to our second annual National Drive Electric Week event, this time held in conjunction with Durham Day, our annual celebration with free food, drink, kayak demonstrations, boat rides, and much, much more.

#### Energy Survey 2016
The Durham Energy Committee (DEC) recently conducted a survey to identify household energy practices and opinions in town.

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Discussion

- What’s YOUR story?
- What challenges do YOU face?
- What tools, resources, or trainings would YOU find helpful?
- How can we all better help one another?