

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 12/20, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Linda Gray, Suzanne Leiter, Norm Levy, Rob Sydney

Guests: Bill Chidsey, Katie Emerson and Rob Fish with the Community Energy Dashboard, Becca White with SunCommon

- Becca White of SunCommon described their partnership with Green Mountain Power on promoting the Tesla Powerwall battery. Becca outlined product details and leasing options with GMP and explained that, with the introduction of the Powerwall 2, GMP installations are paused. Becca suggested that the committee plan a presentation next year on the new net-metering regulations, rather than on the Powerwall (as she had proposed in the fall).

- Rob Fish of Energy Action Network and Katie Emerson of VECAN gave a demonstration of the Community Energy Dashboard, showed committee members how to register and add information, and explained various features of the web site.

- Linda Gray noted that the Planning Commission meets on 12/22, 7 pm. The agenda includes discussion of the updated energy chapter of the Town Plan. The NEC has recommended that the Planning Commission designate as preferred for solar development 2 sites (involving 3 parcels) that have already been reviewed. The NEC has also proposed strengthening some Town Plan language, and would like to establish a process that promotes at least an initial discussion with Efficiency VT by those starting new construction.

- The Weatherize Upper Valley campaign will start in January: the NEC will do a related display at the library for the month, additional "Champions" have volunteered, and Linda will update the NEC website to highlight the campaign. The kickoff event will be 1/18 at the Montshire (1/25 snow date).

Next meeting is Tuesday, 1/24, 7 pm, Tracy Hall.

submitted by Linda Gray