

Energy Committee 2016

Mission Statement: The Town of Cornish takes local steps to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Energy Committee (CEC) continued to join our collective energies with Plainfield Energy Committee. We continued with residential solar installations under the title *Ready for Solar* in which 11 more were added within our two towns. How did we do it? There was a Solar Installers Expo in February, Open Houses during the summer, and a presentation called Solar 101 by Steve Ladd.

We have recently designed a brochure called *Save Energy?- When applying for a building permit, consider adding solar*. This brochure explains how to maximize your energy savings. Other options to consider besides solar are home energy efficiency improvements, energy efficient appliances, heat pumps, and geo-thermal.

We are now educating ourselves about the national initiative by Sierra Club called *Ready for 100%*. Regionally, towns are joining this campaign aiming for 100% renewable electricity by 2030. Clean energy keeps money in local government coffers. Clean energy creates local jobs. Clean energy saves people money. Clean energy cuts pollution and saves lives.

We are making plans to offer monthly presentations about renewable energy. The first one will be held in March. The title is *What's the big deal about carbon?* In April we are planning a workshop called *What If? Having fun with an environmental simulator*. We would like to include our children in the workshops! Have you got any ideas? Well then...

Consider joining the Cornish Energy Committee. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Respectfully submitted,

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