April 20 Progress Report

In February, Cornish, Plainfield, Windsor & Hartland embarked on a 4-town cooperative Solarize campaign. We recruited 6 solar installers who committed to completing solar installations by the end of 2022 for interested residents of our 4 towns in anticipation of the expiring 26% federal tax credit. The 6 installers are Catamount Solar, Green Mountain Solar, Granite State Solar, Same Sun of VT, Solaflect Energy and Suncommon.

The campaign is off to a great start:

154 people attended our February 26 virtual Launch Event. Of this number, 24 were from outside our 4 towns. Since then, 11 more people from our 4 towns registered with the campaign. Cornish led the pack: 52 households registered with the campaign, 24 homes scheduled site visits with 1 or more installers, and 8 have already signed contracts.

Hartland: 37 households registered with the campaign, 15 households scheduled site visits, and 3 signed contracts.

28 Plainfield households registered, 14 scheduled site visits, 5 signed contracts.

24 Windsor households registered, 6 scheduled site visits, 1 signed a contract.

Residents have until May 31 to sign contracts, so we anticipate more homes will commit to installing solar this year.

So far, 17 households in the 4 towns will have solar panels generating electricity from their properties by the end of this year. These 17 households will produce an approximate total of 184.5 MWh of clean, renewably powered electricity per year. In addition to reducing peak demand and thereby keeping rates low for everybody, and in addition to saving money on their electricity bills, these households will prevent roughly 131 metric tons of CO2 from entering our atmosphere EVERY YEAR.

It's not too late to join the campaign -- and reap the benefits of solar power.