

2/9 VCLN Workshop

Local Approaches to Strengthen Community & Confront Climate Change – Chat from Zoom Call

WHO'S ON THE CALL?

Kimberly Hornung-Marcy: From Kim Hornung-Marcy

Steven Isham: Steven Isham, St. Johnsbury

Sabina Ernst: Sabina from Jericho

Wendy Verrei-Berenback: Hello - Wendy Verrei from Jericho

Wendy Verrei-Berenback: Hi Sabina!

Maggie Eaton: Maggie Eaton, New Haven VT. Chair of Energy Committee

Laural Ruggles: Laural Ruggles, NVRH - the hospital in St Johnsbury.

Ken Estey: Ken Estey, Newfane, VT, Planning Commission

Kimberly Hornung-Marcy: Kim Hornung-Marcy She/her/hers. Abenaki land Williston

Steve Maier: Steve Maier, Middlebury, CEAC, Acorn Energy, LiveGreenVT

lyn Haas: Lyn Parker Haas, Rockingham

Caylin McCamp: Caylin McCamp, she/her, Williston with community group Sustainable Williston

Laurel Green: Hi, - Laurel Green from Rockingham

Heather Fromkin: hi I'm Heather Fromkin from 2creative Community

Alice Peal: Alice Peal Waitsfield Planning Commission, Friends of the Mad River

Jason Broughton: Jason Broughton, State Librarian & Commissioner of Libraries. Hello and GoodMorning.

Tess Taylor - VHC: Hello ! Tess Taylor here, Program Director at Vermont Humanities.

RESOURCES / PARTNER CONTACT INFO

Nick Kramer, VCRD: Link to Rumblestrip Podcast Jon just mentioned highlighting the value of town meeting:
<https://rumblestripvermont.com/2021/02/town-meeting/>.

Nick Kramer, VCRD: More information about the next couple workshops:
<https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/workshops>.

Nick Kramer, VCRD: Link to register for the next workshop on 2/23: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-gqqzgiHNeaC1Jglz2-LSsCOiOVeDja>.

Nick Kramer, VCRD: Link for the next VCLN Lunch Break 2/18: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtd-CtpzopHdekl-5cAqEA5ex4igNzCNZg>

Nick Kramer, VCRD: Link to the LiveGreenVT homepage: <https://www.livegreenvt.org>.

Jon Copans: Barre Energy Committee link - <https://www.barrecity.org/bcec/>.

DISCUSSION

Linda Gray: Question for Steve: do you have analytics for traffic to the site? Info from listers as to whether they are getting contacts from the site?

Steve Maier: Regarding analytics, yes we are using Google Analytics, another area of learning for many of us.

Ann Lawless: Jim, is there an association of ice rinks across the state, and are you able to share your project? Also, can you share the total cost of your improvement investments?

Jean Cannon: There is a big problem with switching to an electric vehicle if you live in an apartment and park your car in an outdoor parking lot.

Kimberly Hornung-Marcy: Do towns put up some of this information on their websites? Do you get good response from that or Front porch forum regular posts?

Kate MacLean, Chelsea: Have to get to another meeting. Thank you to all the presenters! Very informative.

Deirdre Holmes: For Kristin: I'm on a town energy committee, and when I suggest electrification alternatives to heating, driving, mowing, etc, I am frequently asked can the grid handle large scale electrification? And how much will rates go up?

Sabina Ernst: Have any towns ever hosted a gas-lawn mower "buy back"? And what ultimately would happen to the old lawnmowers? Will they just become landfill or can the parts possibly be recycled?

Ann Lawless: Hi all, Gotta run! Very good presentations! Thank you.

Lisa Correa: what is Front Porch Forum? from NH

Sabina Ernst: Front Porch Forum is a community-based electronic bulletin board

Nick Kramer: <https://frontporchforum.com/>.

Kimberly Hornung-Marcy: Front porch forum is online town newsletter that most VT towns have lots of info shared

Linda Gray: in the Upper Valley, the counterpart is a listserv run by Vital Communities, one for each town

Nick Kramer: <https://vitalcommunities.org/community-discussion-lists/>

Ken Estey: Our big question in Newfane is the relevance of the Enhanced Energy Plan Town Plan revision to the other green initiatives around the state. The EEP process seems already out of date in some ways. Any suggestions? (Thank you, Alice for your comments now.)

Svea Howard: As businesses/organizations/etc., do you pay to post on Front Porch Forum and do you find the positive activity to be worth the amount you pay?

Jerry Byrd: Danes pay .08

Steve Maier: It turns out we have almost as many cows as people in Addison County, so the agriculture sector emits more GHGs here than any other (more than transportation and more than building heating and cooling). The largest contributor in agriculture (more than half) is enteric fermentation - burping and farting cows. More info at: <https://ceacac.org/ghg-emissions-data/>.

Kimberly Hornung-Marcy: From Kim Hornung-Marcy Thanks all need to go but this was great.

Ken Estey: Jon, this is good to hear right now, because we haven't been able to figure out how the EEP relates to our everyday experiences. We need translation!!!

Sabina Ernst: Agree- Induction cooktops are AWESOME.

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Ken Estey: Time to go induction for me too. My electric stove dates to the 1990s. Don't tell anyone!

Steve Maier: Induction also more flexible from lowest simmering to highest water boiling. Also easier to clean. We love ours!

Ken Estey: You're right Alice, we went it alone.

Wendy Verrei-Berenback: Consult with your Regional Planning Commission for Enhanced Energy Planning - they are wonderful resources!

Ken Estey: Thanks Laurel, Wendy for your comments.

Sally Burrell: Great idea. I used an e mower for ten years where I rented, and loved it. New place... owners have a gas powered biz to care for the lawn. May approach the biz since I knowthem and share Bear Mountain Mowings info.

Gary Dir: I want to bring GMP charging station program into our revised town energy plan too.

Lisa Correa: how can I get more info on Mad River Valley affordable housing...concern here in Newbury nh

Wendy Verrei-Berenback: Thanks so much organizing!

Nick Kramer: Thanks Everyone!

lyn Haas: Thank you for another information filled hour and half!!

Michelle McCutcheon-Schour: Thank you for including us Jon!