

Brandon Energy Committee

Mission Statement and On-going Tasks

Background info: The State of Vermont has 2 significant yet achievable energy goals: 1) Meet 90% of Vermont's overall energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. 2) Reduce Vermont's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 50% from the 1990 baseline level by 2028, and by 75% from the 1990 level by 2050. Each Vermont Town must do its' part to achieve these goals.

Achieving these VT energy goals will help Brandon become a healthier community that benefits everybody. Our energy bills will go down. Our environment will be cleaner. Our energy efficient homes will be more valuable. And, most importantly, we will all be doing our part to protect the climate that sustains our lives.

Mission Statement: The Brandon Energy Committee's mission is to help the town of Brandon do its' part to achieve these VT energy goals.

On-going tasks:

1) Gather accurate data to track energy use which includes:

- >> Thermal energy use (heating/cooling),
- >> Transportation energy use (gas/diesel trucks/cars/equipment),
- >> Electric Energy use (lighting and appliances).

2) Organize community outreach activities to inform the community about opportunities to save energy.

3) Analyze and make suggestions to the select board about strategic choices which might help the town of Brandon reduce its' carbon footprint. This might include discovering "best practice" energy solutions from other towns, and/or finding grant opportunities.

The Brandon Energy Committee is a 5-member sub-committee of the Brandon Planning Commission and will produce a report summarizing its' activities and findings twice a year.

The Brandon Energy Committee has no authority to incur expenses on behalf of the town, but may request funds (from either the town manager or the select board) for worthy projects.