

# Cavendish Energy Committee

The Cavendish Energy Committee's mission is to promote energy conservation at the individual, business and government levels in Cavendish in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to save costs. The Committee, after thorough research, recommends actions to the municipality that are sustainable, energy efficient, and economically sensible. The Committee engages and educates the Cavendish community on energy efficiency through outreach and the establishment of projects and activities. The Committee partners with surrounding town energy committees to seek regional solutions to common problems, and to share practices and successes.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 the committee, in cooperation with several surrounding towns, followed up its success in the Solarize program of the previous year by promoting the Weatherize Cavendish program. The program's objective was to weatherize Cavendish homes and to raise awareness in the community of the economic benefits of weatherization. Several residents took advantage of the incentives offered and are now saving money throughout the heating season.

Cavendish's town solar array continued producing electricity and the committee continued analyzing power distribution and KWH savings. By better balancing the power distribution the town can best use the power generated. In December the committee worked with town officials to install heat pumps in the town offices, virtually eliminating the use of oil in that building.

If you have particular energy saving questions or ideas, please pass them along to a committee member. If you have an interest in energy related issues and are willing to help, please contact Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250 or Mary Ormrod at 802-226-7783. We can always use more ideas and more members.

**Energy Committee Members:** Richard Svec, Town Energy Coordinator; Peter LaBelle, Committee Chair; Cheryl Leiner; Karen Wilson; Dan Sullivan; Mary Ormrod.