

A Proposal for a Local Policy Network



Bill McKibben:

"At this point, given the short time that we have and the scale of the problem, you can't make the math work one household at a time.

"So the most important thing an individual can do, in some sense, is not be an individual quite so much: join together with other people to build the movements that have some possibility of changing policy at fundamental levels that may allow us to catch up with the physics of climate change."

- Policy requires solutions + political will.
- Constituents play a huge role.



- Vermont is small => unparalleled access to legislators and governor
- Legislators don't have staffs, they rely on others with expertise and knowledge
- **Town Energy Committee members fit the bill.**

Contact from 10 constituents has real impact

- Town Energy Committee members
 - are on the front lines on energy policy issues in our communities
 - can provide the local connection to our legislators

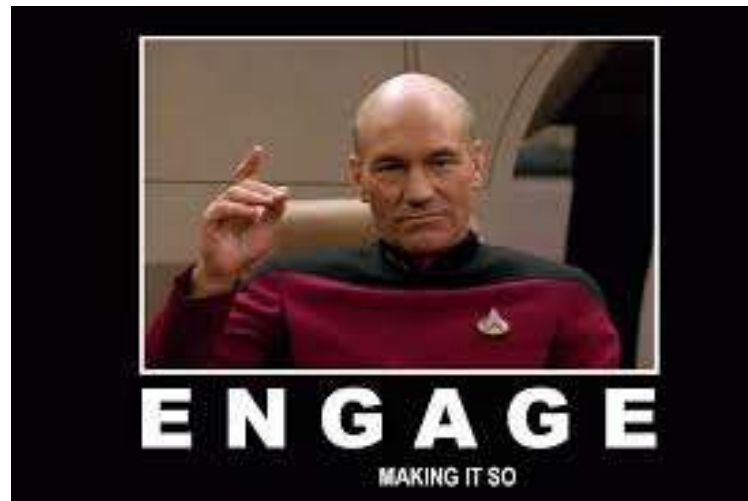


- WHAT:
 - an engaged, rapid-response network of
 - town energy committee members
 - around the state
- Individual citizens with on-the-ground community expertise, informed by their Energy Committee work

- HOW:

- Today...sign up for Local Policy Network before you leave!

- Next...
 - Toolkit
 - Webinar on January 6
 - During the session, engage!



- “Engage” =
 - meet with your representative/senator
 - respond to alerts on specific votes
 - make a personal phone call to Reps, Senators, Governor – it’s powerful
 - talk with others in your community
 - every Friday during the session, follow the Vermont Climate Coalition’s “Climate Dispatch”

