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## June 2022 E-News

Dear Local Energy Leaders,

With June comes the beginning of longer, summer days and even more time to spend outside enjoying this beautiful state we call home! And, even more time to spend supporting our communities and improving our energy systems to stay cool, improve the health of our planet, and work towards ensuring a sustainable environmental future for generations to come.



Below we've compiled lots of exciting recent news, information about some important climate action opportunities, updates and several upcoming events for you to dig into and share. These are also all posted to our recently relaunched events calendar on [vecan.net](#). If you have an event you want others to know about, you can submit it to be included in the calendar. [Check it out here!](#)

And as always, our hope is to do this work as collaboratively as possible with you all and so many others we have yet to engage. If we can communicate or do this work better or differently, or include new voices, please let us know! [You may submit any thoughts, questions, comments and feedback here.](#)

### EVENTS

- **VNRC & VCV Congressional Candidate Forum and Meet & Greet – June 2nd, 5:00pm** – Join Vermont Conservation Voters and Vermont Natural Resources Council for an in-person 2022 Congressional Forum at the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier. Hear from the leading candidates for Congress who will share their priorities and vision for Vermont and the country. After the forum, stay for a chance to meet the candidates and other environmental activists. [RSVP and more information here.](#)
- **Randolph Energy Advisory Committee Legislative Education Event – June 4th, 12-2:00 PM** – Join the Randolph Energy Advisory Committee and the R3 Energy Task Force virtually on Saturday, June 4th. There is approved and pending legislation in Vermont that will provide local funds for energy and climate initiatives. Hear about these initiatives directly from Senators Mark MacDonald and Andrew Perchlik. Senator MacDonald will discuss the Senate Energy Committee's activities and Senator Perchlik will cover transportation. After a Q&A, there will be several themed discussions focused on local action that could be enabled by the new legislation.

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### Share

We are always looking for great stories of local action for our blog, social media and as helpful resources for our network! Please consider sending along anything you or others have accomplished or are working on by responding to this email or emailing [ghasler@vnrc.org](mailto:ghasler@vnrc.org).

### About Us

VECAN is a network of statewide Vermont organizations helping communities statewide to reduce energy costs and climate impacts through conservation, increased energy efficiency and conversion to renewable energy sources.

VECAN's mission is to start, support and strengthen town energy committees.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with the leaders who are shaping climate and economic legislation that affects all of us. To receive an invite to the event, please email [R3.Energy.VT@gmail.com](mailto:R3.Energy.VT@gmail.com) and mention the June 4th meeting in the subject line.



- **Save the Date! REV's Annual Conference 2022 – October 27th & 28th** – Save the date for Renewable Energy Vermont's 2022 Annual Conference. The theme this year is Our Clean Energy Future in a Changing World: Resilient, Inclusive, Secure. More information about sponsorship opportunities, keynote, and speaker RFP coming soon! [Learn more here.](#)
- **In Case You Missed It: Democratic Candidates for Vermont Lt. Governor Debated Climate Action** – On May 18th, Vermont Conservation Voters co-hosted a virtual climate debate with Vermont Public Interest Research Education Fund, Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club, Rights & Democracy and Renewable Energy Vermont. Candidates discussed their positions on a wide variety of climate issues, including renewable energy, transportation, workforce, and much more. [Watch the debate recording here.](#)

#### **UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- **VNRC Seeks 'Community Energy Coordinator' AmeriCorps Member** – Are you or someone you know looking for a meaningful, unique and engaging opportunity to collaborate with diverse stakeholders and local leaders to help Vermont transition to a clean, equitable energy future? JOIN US!



The Vermont Natural Resources Council seeks a motivated individual with interest and expertise in community engagement, communications, clean energy, and climate action. The AmeriCorps Member (ACM) will work with partners and independently to help inform, connect and strengthen Vermont's network of approximately 120 all-volunteer town energy committees and support their energy-innovation priorities.

Position begins September 7th, 2022 and ends August 11th, 2023. [Learn more and APPLY TODAY.](#) Early applications appreciated. Deadline to apply is June 27, 2022. VNRC is an EOE.

- **Brattleboro Energy Committee Seeking New Members** –The Brattleboro Energy Committee is seeking applications for new members. The Select Board will make appointments at its meeting on June 21, and applications are due at least 10 days prior. [An application and more information can be found on the Brattleboro town website here.](#)

#### **IN THE NEWS**

- **Energy News Network: Vermont institutions pool resources to win clean energy innovation funding** – The Vermont Clean and Resilient Energy Consortium, a new consortium of nearly 20 organizations, will pursue federal grants to fund any

#### **Committee Changes?**

Help us keep our network up to date! Email changes in committee leadership or contact info to [ghasler@vnrc.org](mailto:ghasler@vnrc.org).

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number of projects related to clean energy delivery, renewable energy, decarbonization and energy resiliency. [Learn more here.](#)

- **Green Lantern Solar Installs 500-kW Project for Vermont Community** – A newly commissioned 500-kW solar project from Green Lantern Solar will bring thousands in clean energy savings to a local retirement community, Kingdom East Schools and the Village of Poultney in Weathersfield. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Vermont Decommissioned Gravel Pit Now Home to 1.65-MW Solar Project** – Encore Renewable Energy finished building a 1.65-MW solar array at a former gravel pit in Hardwick, including pollinator habitat to improve soil health and carbon sequestration, which will serve homes and businesses in the city. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Senator Leahy Co-Sponsors Bill to Expand Access to Clean, Affordable Heating & Cooling** – The Heating Efficiency and Affordability through Tax Relief (HEATR) Act would create a manufacturer tax credit to incentivize production of high-efficiency, safe, and affordable heat pumps. [Learn more here.](#)



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