

Energy Committee

The Energy Committee was formed to reduce energy consumption and develop more sustainable energy practices in the Town of Berlin.

The committee has applied for and received the following grants/assistance:

- Renewable Energy Trust Grant - town citizens who chose to participate in the Clean Energy Choice program generated a grant for the town of \$2,695. This grant was given to Berlin Memorial School where Ann Rossow created a program around renewable energy education.
- Energy Audit Program - the town applied for an energy audit of all the town buildings. We are currently on the waiting list.
- National Grid Lighting Program - Berlin Memorial School and the Municipal/Public Safety Building both had a lighting audit. National Grid paid 75% of all upgrades. The BMS gym lights and the Public Safety apparatus bay lights were both replaced with fluorescents.
- Green Community Assistance Grant: This grant was awarded to provide assistance for the town to become a Green Community. We will be meeting with our consultant in early May to discuss and plan how Berlin can meet the five criteria set by the state to become a Green Community.
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act - EECBG - Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant - We applied for and received this \$65,000 grant for HVAC upgrades to the Public Safety building and HVAC commissioning and air and water balancing at Berlin Memorial School.
- Mass Energy Insight - attended training for this web based energy information system. This free Dept of Energy Resources program allows us to benchmark our electrical, oil and propane use in all town buildings. It gives us a baseline to understand which building use the most energy and where energy efficiency measures will produce the biggest savings.

We welcome all interested residents to volunteer either for the committee or to help out on a special project without being a member.

Respectfully,

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