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YOUR VOICE IN ALL ENERGY MATTERS

OURMISSION

to promote clean energy and technologies through education and advocacy for a stronger economic future for all Granite Staters.

OURVISION

looking to the future and working on the ground to secure a strong, healthy clean energy ecosystem for all of New Hampshire.

2021: A YEAR OF TRANSITION

Clean Energy NH increased its staff, and gained expertise, building an incredible team of individuals from different vocations blended with the right mix of skills - bringing the organization to its next iteration.

We've got some new faces, but remain New Hampshire's leading clean energy advocate and educator.



SAM EVANS-BROWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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MELISSA ELANDER NORTH COUNTRY ENERGY CIRCUIT RIDER



JOSHUA SINGER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I took a break in the middle of drafting this letter to go for a run. It was raw and cold, and when I left our offices on Dixon Avenue I turned directly into a stiff northerly headwind. A cold front was blowing in, and the lows were forecast to be in the negative single digits overnight. The first ten minutes of the run were unpleasant; snow and ice made the footing treacherous and the wind made it feel as if I was slogging through peanut butter.

But then I turned west on a road that dipped into a neighborhood nestled in amongst the tree cover. Not only did unpleasant sensations fade, but before long I realized the road had hooked south, and the headwind was now a tailwind. It happened almost imperceptibly, but also suddenly. When I thought back I could clearly identify the moment that the run became a joy again, but I didn't notice it at the time.

I came to Clean Energy NH because I believe we've crossed the threshold from headwinds to tailwinds. This past summer, Maine signed contracts with nearly 300 megawatts of new solar farms, which agreed to sell their power for an average of \$33 per megawatt-hour. That's 40 percent less expensive than the average wholesale price of electricity in New England's markets in 2021.

We've passed a crucial tipping point, and now we just need to make sure that everyone realizes it.

However, anyone who has gone for a run on a windy day knows that tailwinds and headwinds are the same wind. Today after a few miles of being pleasantly pushed along, I turned left for the last leg back to the office, and that bitter northerly was stinging my earlobes again.

The same can be said about energy politics here in the Granite State, where after a half decade of steady progress improving our energy efficiency policy, a radical order signed by the public utilities commission sought to roll us back to the nineties. Sometimes progress is slow and halting, and it's not a given that every step is forward. But the response to the PUC's energy efficiency decision is illustrative of how progress works. A whole new coalition emerged to defend the state's efficiency programs. The support for clean energy had been growing quietly as our policies were implemented. When the bill that ultimately righted the apple cart that the PUC had tipped over was signed, it had received the unanimous support of every lawmaker in Concord.

This is how we know that we've taken more steps forward than we've had to take backward. All we can do is keep putting one foot in front of the other, and be patient and attentive, because around the next corner, the headwinds may very well become tailwinds again. When that happens, we need to be ready to fly.

SAM EVANS-BROWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

A snapshot of the accomplishments and highlights from the past year.

LOCAL ENERGY ACTION

Thirty-four communities have **pledged their commitment** to clean energy and increasing energy efficiency measures in their towns and cities. After more than a year of virtual events, workgroup sessions, and attending municipal and local energy committee meetings, the **first in-person CENH event**, since the beginning of the pandemic, was held in October - the Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference. The hybrid event brought together people across the state and the region for twelve discussion tracks on topics regarding: Community Leadership, Infrastructure & Transportation, Efficient and Affordable Housing, and Policy.

Additional information and resources were made available to communities working on various energy efficiency projects via the **nhenergy.org** website.



webinars and community discussions



virtual and in-person attendees



municipal members committed to clean energy

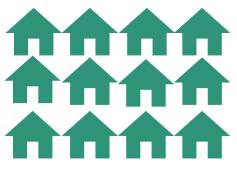
THE NEXT GENERATION

Young Professionals In Energy (YPiE) brings together New Hampshire's rising energy leaders from utilities, renewable energy businesses, competitive energy suppliers, state agencies, policy makers, nonprofits, and beyond. This year, we partnered with the Alliance for Youth Climate Leadership to host a **Clean Energy Jobs Forum** and participated in **a virtual tour of Eversource NH's Control Room.** Though quiet on the event front, the newly recharged YPiE group is working on mapping out 2022 events and even **created a new logo** to increase their exposure throughout the Granite State.



IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

As the **North Country Energy Circuit Rider**, Melissa Elander assists high energy-burden communities with implementing **energy projects** that **reduce operating costs and improve sustainability**. In 2021, Melissa worked with North Country communities to assist with providing resources and securing investments to **save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually**. In 2022, we will expand the program in the North Country with the Community Energy Coordinator focused on public outreach and engagement with residents and small businesses.



number of 2021 completed projects

TOWNS & SCHOOLS

PROJECTS

GORHAM

PITTSBURG

STRATFORD

SUGAR HILL

WHITE MOUNTAINS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LED lighting for the Town Hall, Fire Station, Public Works, and Salt Garage

LED streetlights

LED lighting and weatherization for the Fire Station and Town Hall, and solar array at the Town Hall

Municipal solar array

LED lighting



invested in clean energy projects in the North Country



tons of emissions avoided annually



number of kWh saved each year



In December of 2020, we applied for the USDA Rural Development grant to support a lighting initiative to change all lights in the school from fluorescents to LEDs in order to decrease the energy consumption within our building. This was a student driven project and grant application, and we were lucky to receive \$107,400 for this project from USDA. The grant was a driving factor behind the lighting project being approved. Federal funding for energy efficiency or renewable energy work is crucial for our county because a cultural shift is needed...Funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in NH, specifically Coos county, is representative of more than just funding for a small-town project; it is representative of a large and significant shift that is desperately needed if we want to ensure the future that we desire.

-Representatives of the Society of Sustainable Spartans (SOSS) and White Mountains Regional High School (WMRHS), and the youth population within Coos County

POLICY ACTION

Transforming priorities and challenges into solutions at the Statehouse and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

Working with a broad coalition of clean energy advocates, CENH **advocated for** policy solutions to:

- ensure the **Renewable Energy Fund** is used for its intended purpose, and never swept into the general fund.
- create a process for clean energy procurement and a request for proposal (RFP) process aiming to procure 600MW of offshore wind and 200MW of other renewables.
- reduce the free REC credit by roughly ⅓ helping promote new renewable energy development.

Additionally, CENH **helped prevent** bills that would have:

- eliminated certain classes from the Renewable Portfolio Standard and would have reduced renewable energy goals overall.
- **significantly limited** the implementation of market-driven community power programs in NH.
- significantly reduced NH's net metering credit.

HB315

increased the limit for projects that can netmeter their energy from 1 MW to 5 MW for municipalities in the Granite State, which will expand access to community-scale renewable energy



Governor Chris Sununu signs HB315 into law.

REGULATORY UPDATES: INSIDE THE PUC

Energy policy is made at the legislature, but interpreted by regulators at the Public Utilities Commission. Defending our clean energy priorities requires tireless watchdogging of these proceedings.

In 2021, Clean Energy NH was actively involved in **18 proceedings** which included efforts to:

- establish a statewide energy data platform,
- use the **\$5 million Clean Energy Fund** to create a new energy storage rebate program and clean energy on-bill financing,
- establish special **electric vehicle charging rates** to encourage overnight and public charging,
- approve **investments in public charging infrastructure** to encourage EV adoption.

DEFENDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

On Friday, November 12, the NH Public Utilities Commission attempted to roll-back New Hampshire's signature energy efficiency programs, which operate under the banner of NHSaves.

In partnership with our coalition of business members, CENH launched a multi-pronged campaign to overturn the decision, including a lawsuit requesting an injunction, an extensive campaign of outreach to the media, continued pressure through the process of PUC appeals, and immediate outreach to lawmakers to seek a short-term legislative solution.

"THIS ORDER CAUSES IRREPARABLE HARM TO MY BUSINESS AND IT WILL FORCE P&M INSULATION TO LAYOFF ALL EMPLOYEES OR PERHAPS FORCE US TO CLOSE OUR BUSINESS FOR GOOD. THIS ORDER UNDOES ALL THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION P&M HAS ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 13 YEARS."

-Jason Palmer, P&M Insulation

"WE HAVE MANY UPSET CUSTOMERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD WITH NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN OR IF THE PROGRAM WILL RESUME. THERE IS ENORMOUS CUSTOMER SUPPORT FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORK."

-Bill Newell, Newell and Crathern, LLC.

"FOR ME PERSONALLY THE NIGHTS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAVE BEEN SLEEPLESS, AS We are facing severe adversity that we have never faced in our 12 years in business. When we bring on a new team member I don't look at them as just 'them,' I look at Their dependents as relying on me and our managers to make sure they have work to Support their livelihoods."

-Mike Turcotte, Turn Cycle Solutions

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, thanks to pressure applied by clean energy supporters, **Governor Sununu signed HB549 into law**. The law restored funding to NHSaves and futureproofed the program so that a similar upheaval will never again occur.

Going forward, Clean Energy NH will **continue to fight for more ambitious efficiency programs** in the Granite State.



Governor Chris Sununu signs HB549 into law.

GRATEFUL TO THE BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED THE EERS LEGAL FIGHT:

- Colonial Insulation Compressor Energy Services GDS Associates Mill City Energy Monadnock Affordable Housing Corp. Morin Electric NH Housing Authority
- Newell and Crathern Portsmouth Housing Authority Resilient Buildings Group Sheldon Pennoyer Architects Quality Insulation of Meredith (TruTeam) Turn Cycle Solutions Yankee Thermal Imaging

LEADING THE CHARGE

Recognized for their support of advancing clean energy opportunities in their communities and the Granite State, congratulations to the individuals and businesses who are moving New Hampshire forward.

Clean Energy NH's Energy Champion of the Year



Julia Griffin Town Manager, Town of Hanover

Clean Energy NH's Clean Tech Business of the Year



Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc. Milford, NH



NH Energy Week Municipal Energy Champion

Presented to the City of Lebanon

NH Energy Week Small Business Energy Champion (less than 100 employees)

Presented to The Glen House/Great Glen Trails

NH Energy Week Large Business Energy Champion (100+ employees)

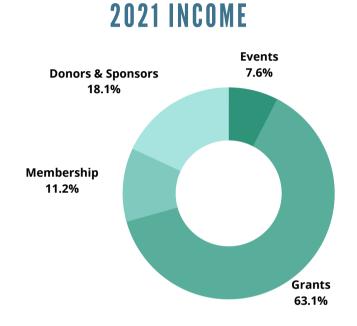
Presented to Filtrine Manufacturing

NH Energy Week Legislative Energy Champion

Presented to Senator David Watters

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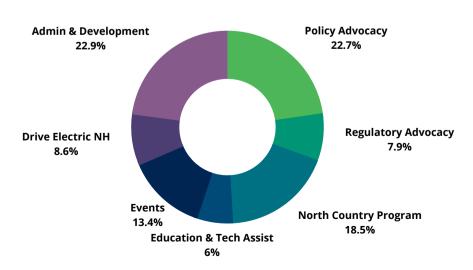
We are committed to diversifying and strengthening funding sources to ensure positive financial health and organizational sustainability.



\$135K

total donations raised for the 2021 annual giving campaign

Total Revenue: \$751,063 Total Expenses: \$476,456 Carry-Forward: \$274,607



RESOURCE ALLOCATION

*Charts are provided for illustrative purposes. Detailed financial report available upon request. 2021 carryover funds will be used to pay for remaining EERS legal fees and to support an increase in CENH personnel.

OUR SUPPORTERS

The individuals, communities, organizations, and foundations whose passion and commitment for clean energy showed more than ever this year.

MUNICIPAL MEMBERS

Participating towns and cities across New Hampshire that we serve and are committed to making their communities more energy efficient and sustainable.

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