

Chester Energy Survey
January, 2018

Five years ago, the State of Vermont embarked on a new energy plan. The goal is to meet 90% of Vermont's total energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. The state has asked towns to create their own energy plans to help reach this goal. State legislators believe Vermont can be a leader in global climate change efforts, while increasing our energy security, improving our economy, protecting ratepayers and reducing our total energy costs. The Town of Chester may choose to participate in this goal by adding an energy plan chapter to its Town Plan, thus gaining some say in the placement of renewable energy installations such as solar and wind. If this chapter is not added, the town will have no voice in the placement of renewable energy projects. The Planning Commission would like to get a sense of how Chester residents feel on this issue. Your input is vital to this process. We included a self-addressed envelope for your reply. You may also find a copy of the survey online by going to the Planning Commission page on the town website: <http://www.chestervt.gov/planning-commission.html>. You may also scan your filled-out form and e-mail it to Cathy Hasbrouck, the Planning Commission recording secretary at cathy.hasbrouck@chestervt.gov.

Thank you from the Chester Planning Commission:

Naomi Johnson, Claudio Veliz, Barre Pinske, Tim Roper and Cheryl Joy Lipton

1. On a scale of 1 – 5, how important are energy issues to you?

1 – Very important 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 - Not important at all

2. On a scale of 1 – 5, rate your view of non-residential wind power:

1 – I favor it enthusiastically 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 – I oppose it completely

3. On a scale of 1 – 5, rate your view of non-residential solar power:

1 – I favor it enthusiastically 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 – I oppose it completely

4. Do you currently have solar energy generating facilities at your home or business?

Yes No

5. Do you have a wind generator at your home or business?

Yes No

6. Do you burn wood or wood pellets for heat at your home or business?

Yes No

7. Would you be in favor of allocating town resources to develop an energy plan chapter for the Town Plan if it gave the town a voice in the placement of renewable energy projects?

Yes No

8. How do you feel about large solar arrays?

1 – I favor them enthusiastically 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 – I oppose them completely

9. How do you feel about solar arrays on buildings, public or private?

1 – I favor them enthusiastically 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 – I oppose them completely

10. Do you support the state goal of 90% of energy coming from renewable sources by 2050?

1 – I favor it enthusiastically 2 3 - Neutral 4 5 – I oppose it completely

11. Do you currently benefit from solar credits which are generated from a location other than your Chester home or business?

Yes No

12. Do you currently live in the village or outside the village center?

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13. On a scale of 1 – 5 how informed do you feel about energy issues?

1 – Well informed 2 3 4 5 – Not informed at all