



COMING TOGETHER TO LEARN ABOUT ENERGY RESILIENCE

MERP FLYER

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“BUTTONING UP” THE TOWN OF CHITTENDEN

On November 1st, the community gathered at The Mountain Top Inn for an evening of learning, food, and fun. “Button Up” events are nothing new in Vermont, rooted in the state’s annual campaign to raise awareness around weatherization projects and benefits. RRPC teamed up with Efficiency Vermont and the Town of Chittenden to deliver a unique program educating residents about energy resilience – on both the municipal and individual level.



The event had a healthy showing, with over 60 in attendance. Maggie O’Brien (RRPC) kicked off the evening by explaining the purpose and significance of MERP, as well as the benefits the program can provide for the Town. Jeremy Gildrien (RRPC) showcased some alternate funding sources for projects like solar, battery storage, and EV chargers. And Bekah Kuster (Efficiency Vermont) gave residents the tools they need to improve their homes (DIY or professionally).



Mountain Top Inn provided an excellent venue for dinner, dessert, and a raffle for energy efficiency prizes. The lucky winners received a range of products, including a battery-powered leaf blower, a Smart thermostat, and a prepaid gift card to Noble Ace Hardware. (There were plenty of LED light fixtures to go around, too!) All of this was made possible by funding from the State. Using their \$4,000 Community Capacity Grant (or “mini-grant”) from BGS, the Town didn’t need to spend a dime.

Want to do something like this in your community? We can host or facilitate a community event at no cost to your Town. Contact Jeremy Gildrien at Jeremy@rutlandrpc.org or Maggie O’Brien at Maggie@rutlandrpc.org to learn more.

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