

## ENERGY

The Town of Mendon is committed to doing its part to meet the State of Vermont's goals of reducing energy consumption through means that comply with the Town's desire to maintain its rural and visually aesthetic scenic character.

To obtain a determination of energy compliance, 24 V.S.A. §4352 requires municipalities to include an "energy element" that contains the components described in 24 V.S.A. § 4348a(a)(3) and which explicitly address energy across all sectors and to identify potential and unsuitable areas for siting renewable energy resources:

*An energy element, which may include an analysis of resources, needs, scarcities, costs, and problems within the region across all energy sectors, including electric, thermal, and transportation; a statement of policy on the conservation and efficient use of energy and the development and siting of renewable energy resources; a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy; and an identification of potential areas for the development and siting of renewable energy resources and areas that are unsuitable for siting those resources or particular categories or sizes of those resources.*

The energy element must:

- Be adopted.
- Be confirmed under 24 V.S.A. § 4350.
- Include the same components as described in 24 V.S.A. § 4348a(a)(3).
- Be consistent with state energy policy, in the manner described in 24 V.S.A. § 4302(f)(1).
- Meet all standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance.

For the full version of the town's energy element, refer to the stand-alone 2021 Mendon Enhanced Energy Plan, adopted ..... by the Mendon Select Board.