

Solar Night at Underhill Town Hall June 13

Have you ever wondered about installing a solar hot water or solar electric system in your home? Now's your chance to learn more about these energy- and money-saving technologies. The Town of Underhill Energy Committee is holding a free informational "Solar Night" on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 pm upstairs in the Underhill Town Hall.

A number of local installers will be on hand to discuss their approaches to fitting your home with a solar system. In addition, several Underhill residents who are current owners of solar electric and/or solar hot water systems will talk about their experiences installing and using their systems. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the various solar systems available in the area and to find out about real-world, local experiences with such systems.

One of the biggest hurdles to installing a solar system has been the "up-front" cost. Even though solar systems will often save you more money than they cost, you need to pay for the system now, but you only realize the savings as they accumulate over time. Several installers have worked out creative financing schemes to address this hurdle. Come learn about the pros and cons of the installers' different financing options.

At the urging of the Energy Committee, the Underhill Selectboard recently passed a Solar Resolution, setting a goal of increasing the number of solar installations in the town to fifty by July 1, 2014. This meeting is the first in a series of events planned by the Energy Committee to help us meet that goal. (See <http://tiny.cc/solres> for the complete text of this resolution.)

So, come learn how you can make a solar system part of your future!