



The Bridgewater Energy Partnership

Sept 2016-Dec 2017

The **Bridgewater Energy Partnership** is a learning and action program for local businesses and organizations that will encourage innovative energy solutions and increase the collective knowledge of energy sustainability. Partners will help lead our community's planning and action for energy sustainability through exploring various challenges and opportunities such as emerging energy technologies, affordability, environmental and health impacts, shared service delivery and much more. Partners will learn about these issues and how to address them in bi-monthly workshops, help the community choose and lead actions that provide an immediate benefit, and shape initiatives and policies for the future.

Goals of the Energy Partnership

- Establish a collaborative forum for local businesses and organizations to design the community's transition to a sustainable energy future
- Initiate and support innovative local energy solutions through the "Living Energy Laboratory", a project incubator and collective learning program
- Foster self-sustaining community education that will grow skills for change
- Create a common voice for the community to speak to the Town of Bridgewater, service providers, and other levels of government about a long-range Community Energy Plan
- Monitor and evaluate progress in changing the community's energy reliance

Benefits for Partners

- Marketing and promotion through press releases, on the BCEI website, and on social media
- Transferrable training and experience in energy sustainability that can be used to reduce energy consumption, reduce costs, and achieve associated benefits (eg. energy security, green reputation)
- Facilitated and networked connections with other committed organizations
- Learn and practice leadership skills like presentation, facilitation, and event management
- Shape the future of the community in a way that matches the Partner's capacity

Who can join?

The Energy Partnership is open to any business, organization, or community group in Bridgewater and area.

Commitments of Energy Partners

- Confirming the support of a “senior leader” within your organization, and assigning a contact person
- Allowing Energize Bridgewater to display your organization / business name and logo on its website
- Completing the Energy Data Release Form for your Bridgewater business locations and facilities
- Sending a representative to attend the Energy Partnership meetings about once every 2 months
- Supporting innovative initiatives and solutions created by the Partnership
- Promoting Energize Bridgewater to colleagues, staff, clients, members, and the broader community

4 types of participation (partners can take on more than one):

- **Learners** will share what they have learned and promote the initiative in the community
- **Leaders** will lead or participate in practical “Living Energy Laboratory” projects
- **Coordinators** will steer the program and help organize the learning process for the members
- **Sponsors** will provide funds and other resources to support the Partnership

Schedule of Partner Events

Energy Partnership workshops will be held once every two months according to the schedule below. Workshops are generally 2 hours long:

Workshop / Meeting	Date
1. Kickoff & orientation meeting	Tuesday September 27, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. @ NSCC campus, Bridgewater
2. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday November 22, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. @ NSCC campus, Bridgewater
3. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday January 24, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. @ NSCC campus, Bridgewater
4. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday March 28, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (<i>location TBD</i>)
5. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday May 23, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (<i>location TBD</i>)
6. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday July 25, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (<i>location TBD</i>)
7. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday September 26, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (<i>location TBD</i>)
8. Energy Partnership workshop	Tuesday November 28, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (<i>location TBD</i>)

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