

**Chairperson: Jane Pekol – 3 year term**

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**Occupation and professional experience:**

Jane is Operations Manager at Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (RACDC) and works there on property management for affordable housing, on business revolving loan funds, and on other community development initiatives. She previously worked as an energy auditor and has worked in weatherization and in construction.

**Experience relating to energy; qualifications:**

In addition to knowledge of heat loss in buildings from energy auditing work, Jane has done environmental organizing work since college and has trained and volunteered with 350Vermont to help organize and motivate people to work together for positive social and environmental change.

**What excites you about being on the Northfield Energy Commission? What are you passionate about pursuing?**

Jane is excited to bring structure and focus for a Northfield-specific goal for carbon emissions reduction. She is passionate about finding ways in which the Commission can collaborate with businesses, Norwich University, and with other towns in our region to incubate innovative ideas, to find real energy and money savings, and to bring new opportunities to town for a greener and more competitive Northfield.

**How have you been active in the community?**

Jane has served on the Northfield Conservation Commission and volunteers with CERV.

**Vice-Chairperson: Gail Hall – 2 year term**

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**Occupation and professional experience:**

Gail taught biology and environmental science at Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (6 years)

Gail is a retired high school science teacher (25 years at Northfield High School) and worked as a Science Assessment Specialist at Vermont Institutes (2 years). Gail worked as a Science Assessment Coordinator at the VT Agency of Education (12 years). She has a B.A. Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and a M.S. Degree in Botany and Geology from the University of Minnesota

**Experience relating to energy; qualifications:**

During her years in education, she developed and taught courses in Environmental Science, Biology, and Vermont's Natural resources. She also served on the Vermont Legislative Agricultural Committee (12 years). She is currently a member of the Vermont Energy Education Board of Directors and is a Board member of the Vermont Science Teachers' Association.

**What excites you about being on the Northfield Energy Commission? What are you passionate about pursuing?**

Gail is most concerned that Northfield citizens be as fully-informed as possible about renewable energy options before investing Town time and funds in any projects. It is also important to her that community members are actively involved in energy decisions that are made. Northfield's rich natural resources are a vital and critical part of our community and must be thoughtfully considered in any energy decisions.

**How have you been active in the community?**

Gail is currently an elected member of the Brown Public Library Board of Directors and volunteers weekly at the Brown Public Library. She provides frequent volunteer service and plays the organ for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She has been an active member of the Northfield community for over 40 years. (Cub Scout leader, NAHA President, Figure skating instructor, Hunter Safety Instructor, School coach, newspaper advisor, Class advisor, Nature Trail Development Coordinator, Project advisor, to name a few!)

**Secretary: Denise MacMartin – 2 year term**

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**Occupation and professional experience:**

Denise had a 30-year career in higher education administration (now retired). She currently owns and operates a small custom quilting business, Legacy Threads. Denise has a B.A. in Community Service & Public Affairs from the University of Oregon and an M.A. in Education from Northern Vermont University (Johnson State College).

**Experience relating to energy; qualifications. What excites you about being on the Northfield Energy Commission? What are you passionate about pursuing?**

Denise is an interested community member who wants to see Northfield in a good position regarding due deference as outlined in Act 174. Not having technical expertise allows her to give input to the committee on how the typical rate-payer, consumer, and town resident might react to various projects/initiatives. She is very interested in reuse and recycling and part of her business focuses on upcycling vintage linens and other fabric items so that they do not prematurely end up in the landfill.

**How have you been active in the community?**

Denise is currently a board member of CERV and a member of the Friends of the Brown Public Library.

**Treasurer: Sarah Wolfe – 3 year term**

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**Occupation and professional experience:**

Sarah is Network Director for Energy Action Network.

**Experience relating to energy; qualifications:**

Sarah has worked in renewable energy policy for over six years, both in the private sector and for non-profit organizations. In her current role, she tracks data related to Vermont's progress meeting our state energy goals and convenes meetings to advance ideas to meet the goals.

**What excites you about being on the Northfield Energy Commission? What are you passionate about pursuing?**

Sarah is focused on how Northfield can make its heating and transportation energy uses more renewable by promoting the adoption of electric vehicles, cold climate heat pumps, and advanced wood heat systems. The Commission has the opportunity to work with landlords and commercial buildings along with homeowners to make a significant impact on the town's energy use and transition to renewable sources.

**How have you been active in the community?**

Sarah just moved to Northfield in May, so has primarily been active in the community through participating in the Northfield's Energy Future group. She looks forward to expanding her work in the community in the future.

## **Outreach Coordinator: Nick Laskovski – 3 year term**

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### **Occupation and professional experience:**

Nick is a solar energy and wind energy professional working on commercial and residential projects domestically and internationally. He currently acts as the Wind Energy Operations Manager for private equity firm Greenbacker Capital. Georgia Mountain Community Wind (GMCW) located north of Burlington is currently under Nick's watch among other wind projects in their portfolio. Nick has a B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University, 2008.

### **Experience relating to energy; qualifications:**

Nick has worked in the renewable energy field professionally for over ten years, working with multiple firms based in Vermont. His responsibilities have included renewable energy technician, service and sales, financial modeling, due diligence of energy acquisitions, and senior scientist roles among various outfits. Additionally, Nick owns and operates a residential solar company specifying in local installations and service. Nick also operates a small diversified organic farm based in Waitsfield, VT, specializing in the cultivation and education of log grown shiitake mushrooms and grass-fed lamb.

### **What excites you about being on the Northfield Energy Commission? What are you passionate about pursuing?**

Nick is passionate about reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, limiting fossil fuel infrastructure, preserving our natural environment, and limiting our collective impacts so that we may live in a safer and more prosperous environment.

### **How have you been active in the community?**

Nick volunteers locally with trail organizations and is active on recreation committee projects. He, his wife, Kristen, and daughter, Ophelia, happily live in Northfield Falls.