

**IREC Progress Report
Town of Bradford
September 2022**

- *Municipal buildings energy upgrades:* Met with EEI and the Bradford Energy Committee on September 2, 14, and 16 to continue to assess and revise the proposed work scope for energy improvements at the Bradford Academy, wastewater treatment plant, and fire department. Based on these conversations and continued feedback from the BEC, EEI will be updating the scope of work and price proposal before meeting with the Selectboard. I am also tracking funding opportunities for these improvements.
- *Clean School Bus Program:* Discussed applying to the next round of the Clean School Bus Program with Brian Emerson of the River Bend Career and Technical Center. River Bend is also interested in hosting an electric bus demonstration in partnership with the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition.
- *Mobile Home Park Resilience Proposal:* Submitted a comment to the Vermont Public Service Department recommending the creation of a program for home energy storage in mobile home parks using funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- *IREC Climate Action Plan Working Groups:* Established monthly meetings of the Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) and Climate Action Guidelines working groups, which formed as a result of the IREC Climate Action Plan. These groups are made up of Steering Committee and Energy Committee members. For the RBES working group, I developed a list of actions towns can take to encourage or require cleaner, more efficient housing, which we hope to share with Planning Commissions and Selectboards. For the Climate Action Guidelines working group, we decided to compile pre-existing resources on climate-friendly practices for individuals and businesses. These resources will be housed on a website that can be shared with towns, energy committees, and residents.
- *IREC Steering Committee:* Met with the IREC Steering Committee on September 1, where we continued to discuss the role of forests in addressing climate change, as well as new federal grant programs and incentives and how these might impact our work.

Gerald Fredrickson, Chair ~ Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
128 King Farm Rd. Woodstock, VT 05091 ~ 802-457-3188 ~ trorc.org