

HYDE PARK ENERGY COMMITTEE
2018 Annual Report

The three members of the Hyde Park Energy Committee soldiered on during 2018. Our ongoing focus was getting information on how to save money and energy out to Hyde Park citizens. Denise Greene continued to create and publish (on Front Porch Forum) Energy Efficiency Tips.

The co-operative project with Hyde Park Electric to perform free informal home energy audits continued. The utility notifies its ratepayers of this program and those who respond with interest in having an audit performed were contacted by Jay Hersh. These audits included an in-home review with the participant of multiple aspects of their energy efficiency such as checking the age of their appliances (newer ones are a lot more energy efficient), sealing their homes against air leakage (a significant source of heat loss and hence higher fuel bills), whether solar makes financial sense for their home, recommending use of LED lighting and other ways to save money by being more energy efficient.

Denise and Marilyn Zophar staffed a table at the Hyde Park Home Day at which resources and pamphlets on how to achieve money and energy savings were handed out.

Denise, Marilyn and Jay screened the movie “An Inconvenient Sequel” (featuring former VP Al Gore) and also Before the Flood at Lanpear Library.

We continue to seek new members and we hope you will join us to help chart the course for our town and state. Anyone interested may contact us individually or you may attend a meeting. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the lower level of the municipal offices on Route 15.

Jay Hersh

Marilyn Zophar

Denise Green