

Highlights of Meeting and Work Projects
North Quabbin Energy Meeting – May 17, 2017

- **Food from the North Quabbin - 2017 food brochure.** Once brochure is printed there will be at least one folding session sometime in early June. Contact Cathy Stanton (cathy@cathystanton.net) to help and for more information.
- **Garlic & Arts Community Grant -- Possible Schools Project --** on-going work to contact area middle schools about possibly working with school staff on a Renewable Energy/Climate Change project with students linking them with community. People will continue to investigate what might be possible and will continue to contact people in the schools. People who are currently working on this include: Maureen Blasco, Paul Goyetche, Janice and Steve Kurkoski, Pat Larson and Diane Nassif. If you would like to help with this project, let us know.
- **Solar/PV Information Session for Residents on June 27th at 6:30 in New Salem --** The New Salem Energy Committee is organizing this for residents in the region. Jim Barry (MA DOER), Bob Michaud (Orange Energy Comm.) and some solar installers will be present. Watch for flyer and other information. For more information and to help contact Zara Dowling (zara.dowling@gmail.com) and Frances Arnold (frannyinoz@gmail.com)
- **Garlic and Arts Festival on Sept. 23-24, 2017 --** Janice Kurkoski is the lead person on this. She is currently contacting people to speak in the Local Living and Renewable Energy Tent. At the meeting on July 12th we will work on planning for the **Portal to the Future. We will need lots of volunteers to get this organized for Sept.** Also Bruce Scherer, Janice and Lydia Grey are working on bringing more activities to festival focused on climate crisis, etc. to be set up in places outside the Portal.
- **Fall Film Festival (to start in Oct.)--** Theme: "Reverence, Resistance, and Resilience". Attached is a list of possible films to use for this film festival. Diane Nassif is the lead person on this. To help, watch some of the films soon and send your comments/thoughts to Diane (dianenassif@gmail.com)

Other Upcoming Events in Towns

Town Meetings -- Wendell Town Meeting - June 10th -- 100% Renewable Energy Resolution on Warrant

Athol Town Meeting - June 12th -- Banning Plastic Bags Resolution (binding) on Warrant. For more info. and to help contact Heidi Strickland (heidikleiners@gmail.com)

Other -- New Salem -- "Invasive Plant Workshop" - June 10th from 10-12noon in New Salem Center (will send flyer later) or check with Judy Northup-Bennett (connectionswork4u@hotmail.com)