

Statement from Energy Committee on Bond Vote for Solar

August 12, 2021

Ballots have recently been mailed to Middlebury residents to vote on a bond for the Town to participate in the Acorn Energy Cooperative's Bristol Solar Array project.

By investing in this solar array, the Town of Middlebury would add up to 185 kW of renewable, carbon-free energy to its existing 153 kW of clean electricity through net metering. The bond will fund the purchase of up to 460 units in the Bristol array, at a cost not to exceed \$322,920.

In addition to supporting a local Addison County project, reducing the Town's carbon footprint, and reducing our dependence on renewable energy from sources outside the state, the Town of Middlebury will realize a savings of at least \$180,000 in electricity costs over 25 years, with greater savings expected. The bond will be paid off through these savings and NOT by property taxes. For any questions regarding the details, you may direct your inquiries to the Energy Committee at: info.middleburyenergycommittee@gmail.com