



\* Doc reported that the Alger Brook Community Solar project is almost ready to have the final switch installed next week, hoping to be completed by mid-to-end of May. Congratulations and thanks to all who worked so hard on that project.

\* Susan H. gave a verbal and written legislative report (see below).

\* David reported that a Green Guide for purchasing recommendations will soon be available on the TRORC website.

There was discussion about the Vermont Climate Report and the forecast that Vermont will be less than half way to their net zero requirements by 2030.

\*Dorian discussed the book *Cadmium Red* about the horrors of cadmium mining in the Congo, and a discussion ensued about batteries and advances that could be made in the technology in the coming years to diminish the reliance upon cadmium and its associated destruction.

### **5. Legislature Report from Susan Hodges:**

The big news today is that Gov. Scott's veto of S.5 (Affordable Heat Act) was overridden. I know there were some amendments at the "last minute" but I have not had a chance to read the final bill yet. I know it still had some real shortcomings, but probably better than nothing.

H 242 re: geothermal heat has a chance of coming up next session.

On May 2 the state Agency of Natural Resources issued its report on "total greenhouse gas emissions" from 1990–2020. There are some serious questions about how the values are calculated, and of course the results were seriously affected by Covid (with fewer miles driven overall). However, the report suggests that Vermont will fall short of the goals enacted in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020.

Susan recommends a thoughtful article from the *VT Digger*. [vtdigger.org/2023/05/02/report-pandemic-caused-lower-greenhouse-gas-emissions-in-2020-but-state-unlikely-to-hit-emissions-targets/](https://vtdigger.org/2023/05/02/report-pandemic-caused-lower-greenhouse-gas-emissions-in-2020-but-state-unlikely-to-hit-emissions-targets/)

**Adjourned: 8:00 pm Next Meeting: June 13, 2023, 7 pm via ZOOM**

Submitted by Jim Schley, Recording Secretary, from notes made by Dorian Yates