

CHP at the Local Level NECHPI at UNH



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Why

- The Current State.
- The Opportunity.
- Now & in NH.
- The Potential.
- Issues & Impediments.
- Going Forward.

- NH is pure Property Tax based – all local.
- Few other ways to stabilize costs/taxes.
- Long decision horizon.



Taxes

The Current State

- Economic.
- Administrative.
- Political.



LAZINESS

SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION.
SO STOP RUNNING.

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Operations Manual

- If it aint broke...
- Rising costs accepted.
- Bid out paper clips.
- Not a lot of capital planning.

Town Hall

- Many sites and big users for CHP (close together):
 - Schools.
 - Town halls.
 - Safety.
 - DPW.
 - Water and Sewer.
- Old and leaky and/or facing expansion.



Budget Process and Planning

- Open and public.
- Desperate to show savings.
- Taxes, taxes, taxes.
- Convincing a few.
- Financial horizon is long.

Towns in NH

- 234 Towns and growing.
- Most are the largest purchaser in the town.
- Multiple users are not functioning together.
 - Town.
 - School.
 - Emergency.



Politics of Power

- Energy bills.
- Climate Change.
- Wind.
- Solar.
- Hydro.



POWER

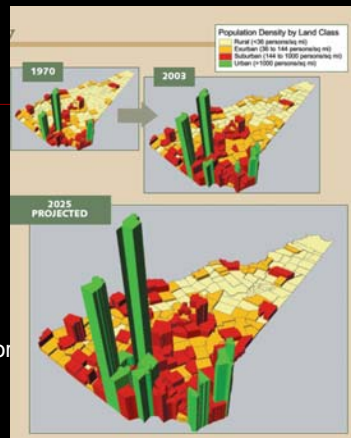
POWER CORRUPTS. ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.
BUT IT ROCKS ABSOLUTELY, TOO.

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Opportunity

Economic

- Tax-free NH.
- Energy costs rising.
- Economic Development:
 - New industries.
 - New jobs.
 - Favorable tax climate for new businesses.



Administrative

- Small governments.
 - Open and Accessible.
- Often over-worked and need help.
- Sharing is big.
- Coordinated communication – NHMA, NGOs, etc.



Political

- Blue, blue, everywhere blue.
- 117 Towns with Climate Change Resolutions.
- NH Primary.
- Wood and farming links.

Potential



SUCCESS

SOME PEOPLE DREAM OF SUCCESS,
WHILE OTHER PEOPLE LIVE TO CRUSH THOSE DREAMS.

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Can't fight City Hall

- We make (some of) the rules.
- First responders, security, and emergency management.
- Owning the roads.
- Unique statutory authority.
- Funding flexibility.
- Grant access.

For the People, by the People...

- Legislative attention.
- Many potential partners.
- 234 Towns in NH.
- 1.3 million people.
- Non-competitive.
- Non-profit.
- New Office of Energy and Planning.
- UNH influence.
- NNECAPA, NHPA, NESEA, PAREI, SPNHF, AUDUBON.

Economics

- Epping (52nd):
 - e ~ \$420,000
 - f ~ \$450,000
- Industry & jobs.
- Economic Development.
- Municipal Solvency.



RISKS

IF YOU NEVER TRY ANYTHING NEW,
YOU'LL MISS OUT ON MANY OF LIFE'S GREAT DISAPPOINTMENTS.

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Issues & Impediments

- Don't miss the boat.
- No NH grants or funding.
- Guinea Pig Effect.

Going Forward

- Partnerships with the Utility.
- Education, education, education.
- De-moron the press.
- Add CHP/DG to the renewables discussion.
- Build a collaboration around the towns.