

## **Local Program Planning**

### **Program on climate emergency**

The SC has been thinking about a program on what ordinary people can do individually. An additional topic was proposed: how to deal with systemic issues, what people can do collectively, what is preventing us from making progress.

It was noted that several groups of interest are pursuing climate-related objectives in Amherst: the town's Energy and Climate Action Committee, a separate volunteer Zero Waste Amherst group, and a sustainable architecture committee for the Jones Library.

There is also pending legislation, some of it quite ambitious, at the state level.

Information on what individuals can do is widely available, including at the annual Sustainability Fair in April.

### **Proposal from Joan Rabin**

Joan is interested in providing a guide to running for public office, and hosting a forum or other discussion as well.

It was noted the Secretary of State has a guide on running for state office that could be used as a template.

Possible speakers for a panel: town clerk, someone from the OCPF.