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### **“Button Up NH” Home Energy Savings Workshops To Take Place Around the State**

**Statewide:** Button up, your homes New Hampshire! That’s the message the New Hampshire utilities are spreading to homeowners through a series of energy saving workshops taking place around the state.

“Button Up NH” workshops are being hosted by local sponsors through – out the state to provide NH homeowners and renters with information and techniques to help them save money on home energy use. Presentations are conducted by an independent certified energy professional. Participants will learn basic building science concepts and the basics about air sealing, insulating, and conservation measures that reduce fuel and electricity use. Attendees will also learn how to sign up for Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) – an incentive program run by the energy efficiency services at Liberty Utilities, Eversource, NH

Electric Co-op and Unitil.

Workshop locations will be announced through – out the coming months. Currently in Hollis, NH a workshop is on the schedule for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Lawrence Barn on 28 Depot Road and in Exeter on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the Exeter Public Library. Come early, refreshments will be served.

The Exeter and Hollis presentations will be conducted by Andy Duncan, Professor and Department Chair of the Energy Services and Technology program at the Lakes Region Community College in Laconia, NH. Duncan has worked in the building energy field since 2003, and has held certifications from the Building Performance Institute since 2008.

According to Duncan, “The Home Performance with Energy Star Program is something every homeowner should consider. It gives homeowners the financial assistance they need to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes. When a homeowner participates in the program they will receive a list of recommendations for cost effective energy efficiency improvements and will have the opportunity to decide, if any, the work they want done on their home.”

These workshops are being funded by PSNH, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Coop and Unitil. The Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) of Plymouth, NH is working with local groups statewide to bring this important information to the public on

behalf of New Hampshire's utilities.

All Button Up NH Workshops are free and open to the general public.

For on-going information on locations for upcoming workshops visit: [www.myenergyplan.net/buttonup](http://www.myenergyplan.net/buttonup) . If your local group, chamber or town committee is interested in hosting a Button Up NH Workshop in your community, e-mail Robbin Adams at PAREI at [robbin@plymouthenergy.org](mailto:robbin@plymouthenergy.org) or call (603) 536-5030. Also visit, [www.nhsaves.com](http://www.nhsaves.com) to learn more about energy saving tips you can put into action starting today.

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