



Mark Woodward

I am a small business owner with over 40 years of service on multiple nonprofit boards. I served in the Vermont legislature for 14 years and was recently elected to the Johnson selectboard. I have been a Coop member for 34 years and have served on the Coop board for 14 years.

I am very proud that the Coop has managed to serve our members and keep our employees safe throughout the covid pandemic. I believe the Coop's greatest strength is its member owners. During my years on the board, we have managed to keep rate increases below 1% per year. One of my favorite things about the coop is it's not out to make a profit, it exists to serve its members.

I am excited about advances being made in electrifying transportation, home heating, storage, and helping our maple sugaring businesses. These changes will help all members significantly reduce their energy bills, with the added benefit of using carbon free electricity from the Coop.

In addition, the Coop is partnering with the CUDs (communication union districts) in preparing our poles to bring fiber internet to all members.

The coming decade will bring exciting challenges and opportunities for the Coop. As demands for electricity dramatically increase, we will work closely with members to best utilize our infrastructure to their benefit.

I think my experience will benefit the Coop and its members and would appreciate your vote.

I encourage you to visit the Coop's webpage at [www.vermontelectric.coop](http://www.vermontelectric.coop).