

**Berkshire Leadership Program
Energy & Environment Session – Speaker Bios**

Andrew Mankin – Head Brewer and Co-owner of Barrington Brewery & Restaurant AND Board Member – Town of Great Barrington Conservation Commission

Andrew started his career in water utility working for the town. During this time, he was also an avid homebrewer; an interest he picked up in college after being gifted a home brew kit by his sister. He started his career in brewing in 1988 with an apprenticeship at the Vaux Brewery in Sunderland, England. In 1995, Andrew opened the Barrington Brewery with Business partner Gary Happ where for over two decades they have operated an earth-friendly and sustainable business with their recycling and solar energy programs. This local favorite has been recommended by such notable publications as ZAGAT, Frommer's travel guide, AAA and Bon Appetit and has received positive reviews by The New York Times, The Boston Globe and Capital News 9. Andrew is also a standing member of the Town of Great Barrington's Conservation Committee.

Nancy Nysten - Associate Director, Center for EcoTechnology (CET)

Ms. Nysten is Associate Director of the Center for EcoTechnology. Nancy has been at the Center for EcoTechnology since 1982, where she has developed and delivered education and technical assistance programs for all sectors of the community, including farms, schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and residents. Her focus is on local solutions to environmental issues that are beneficial to the economy, natural environment and quality of life for community members.

She began her career at the Alaska Division of Energy and Power Development in the late 1970's and has worked for state and non-profit organizations in Washington, New Mexico and Massachusetts in the fields of energy conservation and renewable resources for over 30 years. Ms. Nysten received a B.A. from Hampshire College and a Masters of Education with a concentration in environmental studies from the University of Washington.

Toryl Hanna - Director of Business Development and Permitting Lead at Origin Solar

Tory Hanna is a certified Urban Planner (AICP) and renewable energy professional. He has worked right here in the Berkshires for the City of Pittsfield's Planning and Community Development Department focusing on land use, Brownfields redevelopment, and other community and municipal planning issues for the early part of his career. His work has also focused on coast resiliency, waterfront zoning, and urban manufacturing during his time at as an Urban Planner for The Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation in Brooklyn, NY.

Tory currently is the Director of Business Development at Origin Solar Energy, a small solar startup company focused on site origination for large scale ground mounted and rooftop solar assets and community microgrid solutions across the Northeast. He holds a BS from UMass Amherst in Environmental Design with a concentration in Urban Studies, and a MA from SIT Graduate Institute in Sustainable Development and International Development. His Graduate work Tory will be discussing his Graduate Thesis work (entitled Solar Urban Planning) which investigated the intersection of Solar Energy and Urban Planning, and practical solutions towards the proliferation of renewable energy in urban environments, and the numerous Policy-barriers and conflicts that arise for policy makers, planners, municipal practitioners alike when working towards renewable energy in cities.