

H.E.A.T Squad & Shaping Energies Review  
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In March, my husband was listening to our local AM radio station (WBTN – Bennington) and listened to a segment on Home Energy Audits. After exploring the State of Vermont website, we watched a video about Home Energy Audits and knew we needed an audit. The website listed one local contractor. I phoned the local contractor who told us our Audit would be \$400 but he was going on vacation for two weeks and assured me he'd call back following his vacation in early April. No return call.

Shortly thereafter, again on our local AM radio station, a representative from NeighborWorks was being interviewed about Home Energy Audits for \$100. Having worked with NeighborWorks when I purchased my first home, I knew this was the route we needed to take. My phone call (or email, can't remember which!) to NeighborWorks was returned promptly and we welcomed Adam and Tom, from Shaping Energies, for our Home Energy Audit on June 12, 2013.

Our home was built in the late 1800's. When my husband purchased the home 8 years ago, he did some work - insulating the living room, bedrooms, remodeling the bathroom but left other projects for "later". When I moved in 5 years ago, I was very vocal how cold the house was each winter; chilly floors and drafty windows. Three years ago, we purchased a wood stove and found such warmth next to the woodstove but the bedrooms and kitchen was dramatically colder. The stone foundation and dirt cellar floor were the culprit, so I assumed.

The Audit proved our home WAS in dire need for insulation – the basement, attics, kitchen walls – worse than we ever imagined. We decided to have the major work done in the basement and the attic and postponed the kitchen walls project until next year. When Tom, Erin and Sophia arrived on Monday, August 5, they greeted us with a warm smile, sincerity, and confidence. They thanked US for inviting them to our home! US! Their work was impeccable. Their attention to detail was precise. Erin sported her work suit with pride even in the stifling attic. Sophia worked so quietly and meticulously caulking every window in our home. Adam was so patient walking into the cobweb infested basement with a smile on his face (and Sophia was so proud of her work vacuuming said cobwebs). The three of them were a team I felt safe sharing my home with. They were so courteous, respectful, knowledgeable and clean. Oh, so clean!

When Adam performed the Energy Audit on Friday, he was so impressed. His team sealed our house more than he expected. Bless him – he walked us through the results with his "Science Guy" hat on, but all I cared about was his excitement. He knew his team had done a great job; we did too. Once fearful of the cobweb infested basement, I now march into our little basement to show off the work they did with such excitement. We are so grateful for our experience with Adam, Tom, Erin and Sophia; Shaping Energies as a whole. We wouldn't give a second thought recommending this team and Shaping Energies to others. I'm excited to be slipper-free this winter in our home!!

Respectfully,  
Jessica & Kevin Ward