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BAKER JOINS OTHER GUVS IN VERMONT AFTER CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

After officially launching his re-election campaign over the weekend, Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday headed north to Stowe, Vermont where he is attending the annual New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers Conference.

State leaders from Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island are all expected to be in attendance.

The focus of this year's meeting will be on clean energy efforts, as well as trade throughout the region. Specific topics on the conference agenda include renewable energy, electric vehicles, energy storage, cross border trade and restoring stability to political discourse.

Baker's schedule shows him attending two sessions on Monday, both of which touch upon clean energy efforts, including electric vehicle use and "the evolution of energy storage."

The governor will end his time in Vermont with a press conference at 4 p.m.

The conference comes just after Baker formally launched his re-election campaign Saturday at the annual Baker-Polito Summer Picnic in Shrewsbury, touting the administration's ability to work with a Democrat-controlled Legislature.

Meanwhile, back in the Bay State, acting Gov. Karyn Polito will join local officials in Leominster, Phillipston, Gardner, Shirley and Groton at attend ribbon-cutting ceremonies for projects completed with funding through the MassWorks infrastructure grant program. - Chris Triunfo/SHNS

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