

Minutes: October 3, 2016

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Attendees: Michael Bosworth, Kathleen White, Tad Montgomery, Ralph Meima, Milt Eaton

Guest Haythem Basson (WWHT), Oscar Heller

Topic	Discussion	Action
A). Call to order, Agenda review, approval of minutes		
B). Approval of August 29 minutes	Motion to approve with two corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Under I: "90%" → "90% renewable energy statewide."- colar → solar.	August minutes approved 5-0.
C). Check-In, Introductions, Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Selectboard approved request for BEC to be downsized from 11 to 9 members.- REV conference next week, Burlington.- Climate Solutions Summit, Energy Indpt. VT, Nov. 19 in Burlington- VECAN Conference Dec. 3rd- WRC grant info meeting was last Th. In Townshend;- SEON home tour Oct. 15th, 10-4- 350VT.org climate activist training Oct. 15 & 16 at the Root Soc. Justice Ctr.- Helen Bruno from GMP will be giving a talk on the Powerwall battery, MCGC, 5 - 7 PM, Oct. 26	
D) FY 2017 Work Plan & subcommittee membership – Any adjustments based on Town Energy Coordinator leaving?	Michael mentioned that he'd talked with Joey Miller at VNRD about GMP's mandate to reduce fossil fuel usage. She will be talking with them about this. Paul suggested a subgroup to discuss raising \$ for a replacement position of energy coordinator.	
E) New Public Service Board rules – discussion (30 min.) led by Ralph Meima, changes in PSB Rule 5.100 and other recent relevant solar legislation (S.230/260 [Act 174] and possible coming changes in the interconnection process - PSB Rule 5.500).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 5.100: PSB rule on net metering, new ver. to go into effect 1/1/17. Less generous to solar energy producers; cuts way back on eligible sites; solar adder being replaced by NM adjustors (+/-); 'categories I-IV reflecting size and preferred sites determine which adjustor applies; towns and reg. comm.'s now have a much greater role as defined by their energy plans; REC's have an adjustor of -3¢/kWh if sold, +3¢/kWh if given to the utility;	

	- NM only accounts for 4% of total retail elec. Sales in VT, even with the 15% cap reached last Nov.	
F). Subcommittee Reports:		
1. Energy Efficiency a. Town Energy Efficiency Plan b. ZEN program	Chair: Tad, Milt, Michael Bosworth. Selectboard discussion as soon as Oct. 18 th on the possible use of utility funds for energy retrofit work based on the recommendations from the audits. The energy work seems to be competing with work that is needed on the Harmony parking lot.	
2. Renewables a. Solar electric projects	Chair: Tad, Oscar Heller, Ralph, and Lester Humphreys with regard to the WSWMD solar project	
3. Integrated Energy Systems	Chair: Michael, George Harvey, Tom Finnell, Ralph Meima, (Tad - nonvoting)	
4. PACE		
5. Transportation	Chair: Kathleen, Mary McLoughlin, Alice Charkes, Barb Walsh, Dave Cohen, Gary Fox, Becky Jones, Mollie Burke, Sue Graff, Wendy Harrison, (Tad Montgomery). Kathleen expressed a desire for more BEC members on the subcommittee.	
6. Project Atlantic	Ralph, Mike Auerbach, Michael Bosworth	
7. Energy Data	Lester Humphreys, Ralph	
G). Other Business		
H). Feedback and next meeting date/topic/speaker	Monday, Nov. 7 th , 5-7pm at the Hanna Cosman Room, Brattleboro Municipal Center. Lester will attend the next meeting to discuss town energy data.	