

Minutes: November 2, 2015

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Town Energy Coordinator: Paul Cameron

Attendees: Michael Bosworth, Bob Rueter, George Harvey, Tom Finnell, Tad Montgomery

Guests: Cody Berwick, David Schoales, Rebecca Jones

Topic	Discussion	Action
A-C). Call to order, Agenda review, approval of minutes	Since a quorum was not present, the October 5 minutes were not voted on.	
D). Check-in, Introductions, Announcements	IES Subcommittee meeting – Nov. 3, 5:00 pm, Planning Dept. Transportation Subcommittee meeting, Nov. 4, 5:00 pm, Planning Dept. Heat Pump Workshop – Nov. 9, 5:30-7:30 pm, Marlboro Grad School Wood Heat Forum – Nov. 16, 5:30-7:30 pm, Marlboro Grad School Brattleboro Selectboard Meeting -Dec. 1, 6:15 pm (BEC annual report) VECAN conference – Dec. 5, Lake Morey Inn & Resort, Fairlee, VT Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan update – comments due Nov. 9. Tad offered to convene a group to review the plan.	
E). Presentation: FY 2015 Town energy use – Lester Humphreys	Summary: Town energy consumption and carbon emissions dropped significantly as a result of the Honeywell Project completed in 2008, but have been rising since then. Fuel consumption in the Town fleet, especially diesel fuel, is on the rise (34% increase since 2010). Streetlight costs continue to drop (46% decrease since 2010, or \$114,391 annual savings).	
F). Project/Subcommittee reports:		
1. Energy Efficiency a. Town Energy Efficiency Plan/Audits	Margaret Dillon said that she would have results to report in November.	Paul will ask Margaret for a project update.
2. Renewables a. Solar Summer	Ten contracts totaling 43 kW were signed by Brattleboro residents during the Solar Summer campaign, 4 residential and 6 community solar, spread among 3 contractors. The Dummerston program had 24 contracts	

	totaling 103 kW during the same period, mostly community solar. Brattleboro may team up with Dummerston next summer for a traditional Solarize program. Brattleboro's net-metered solar capacity has increased by 153% in the past 10 months. The Windham County Solar Loan Program through VSECU has given out 7 loans so far.	
b. Town's purchase of net-metering credits	The Town has been negotiating details of the contract with Next Sun Energy for the Westminster project. The process has been difficult, and is going to mediation. Andy Cay of Integrated Solar is working out the details of how credits from the WSWMD landfill project would be distributed in the Town's electric bills, with help from Lester. The project will offer an approximate annual savings of \$50,000.	
3. Project Atlantic	Mike Auerbach may contact BEC members directly to enlist assistance with student projects. Ralph is working to convene a meeting of the PA subcommittee.	
4. Transportation a. Smart Commute Program	The Retreat referred the vanpooling discussion to their wellness committee, which is meeting on Nov. 5. World Learning is publicizing the Go Vermont carpooling match service, and has installed an electric car charging station on campus.	Paul will meet with the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union to discuss their survey results.
5. EV charging stations	The Town is working out the details of installing a charging station in the High/Grove parking lot – a fast charger paired with a level 2 charger.	
G). FY 2016 Work Plan	The plan could not be voted on, due to a lack of a quorum. Tad suggested several changes that were noted.	
H). Next meeting	The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7 at 5:00 pm.	