

Minutes:

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Attendees: Paul Cameron, Lester Humphreys, Jed Leslie, Ralph Meima, Bob Rueter, Kathleen White. Guest: Michael Bosworth of BTU, Inc.

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Agenda review and introductions		
Minutes approval	Minutes approved unanimously	
Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chasing Ice: won best of Brattleboro Film Festival. Repeat showing 6:30 PM, Thurs. Nov 8, Latchis Theater. Beautiful film.2. Selectboard hearing tonight 6:15 to approve Town Plan3. Regional Energy Roundtable, Springfield Town Hall, Thursday 11/29. Carol Weston to present on PACE, David Keith on Vermont's Energy Code.4. Thursday, 12/6, WRC Energy Forum on Improving Efficiency in Municipal Buildings, Townshend Town Hall, 6:30 to 9. Speakers from EV and Thermal House (Bob Rueter).5. VECAN Conference, Sat. 12/1, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, Vt. Paul is going, Ralph may be going.6. Several town in Vt getting bike racks, inc. Brattleboro: West River Park, Common, Municipal Ctr, State office Bldg, Crowell Lot, Union Station, District Courthouse.7. Andy Shepard resigned last month--unable to contribute as he wanted to. Currently, 3 vacancies.	<p>All BEC members are encouraged to attend any of these meetings, if available.</p> <p>Contact Paul if you would like to carpool.</p> <p>Refer anyone you know who may be interested in joining BEC to Paul.</p>
Presentation on BTU, Inc. by Michael Bosworth, chair	Michael review BTU, Inc's mission and explained co-generation district energy. Gave brief history of BTU, Inc. See handout attached to minutes which covers most of his presentation. Discussion followed about projects going on in Vt-- Randolph with Vt Castings as a candidate. Montpelier got funded to extend piping from State Capital and other state buildings that are	

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	<p>heated by biomass. Dan Ingall is working on a project in Springfield Industrial Park.</p>	
<p>Sub-Committee reports</p>	<p>1. PACE: Paul continues conversations with Bob Fisher, and coordinating communication between Bob and Bill Ellis. Goal is to get PACE on town meeting warning for March 2013.</p> <p>2. Renewables: a. Solar Electric Project: draft proposal ready to send to selectboard. RFP to various vendors for a 500 kw project, connected to grid, to lease for 20 years, with a \$1 buyout at that time. Vendor would guarantee a rate lower than GMP. Selectboard is interested in the savings, but want no risk to town. Benefit for the vendor is a guaranteed customer for 20 years.</p> <p>3. Efficiency: Paul and Lester developed 2 sets of recommendation to the selectboard re: Honeywell Project.</p> <p>Police-Fire renovations: BEC is asking for EV to have a seat at the table in the design process. Energy systems have not been looked at or decided upon yet. The new parts of the buildings will be fairly energy efficient. The draft recommendations need to be formalized for the selectboard. Paul and Lester plan to meet with Barb Sondag and Dick DeGray prior to presenting to selectboard.</p> <p>4. Euro Model: Ralph and George have been emailing and will get together next week. More info next meeting.</p> <p>5. Transportation: a. Bratt-Keene transportation summit: Paul, Kathleen, Matt Mann and Deb Sachs had phone conference 10/31 with JB Mack of Keene area planning commission, and Ellie Cook-Vanezia of Monadnock Rideshare to plan for summit. Decided to hold summit in Jan/Feb 2012 to have more time for planning. Focus: to increase ride sharing among commuters in that corridor, and improve public transportation.</p> <p>b. Way to Go Business Roundtable: quarterly meeting held late October, guest speaker David Blittersdorf All Earth Renewables. Spoke about need to increase</p>	<p>2. and 3. Paul will send draft solar proposal and recommendations re: Honeywell project to BEC members. Kathleen will append to minutes.</p> <p>3. Police-Fire Renovations will be on 12/12 agenda for input.</p>

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	conservation efforts due to peak oil, and incentives offered to his employees to commute other than SOV and even relocate closer to their job. 20 people attended.	
Meeting Schedule By-laws	Paul changed by laws to say that BEC monthly meeting schedule can be changed by vote of quorum of members.	Unanimous vote to change wording in by-laws as stated.
New Business	Vice Chair position now vacant. Bob Rueter was nominated.	Unanimous vote for Bob Rueter as Vice Chair of BEC.
Next meeting topic and speakers	We need to develop our 2013 work plan. Jed suggested we discuss the electric car charging station at transportation center, which is non-functional. He has a friend with info on this, and we could look into grants.	Put 2013 BEC work plan on 12/2012 agenda. Also electric car charging station information.