

Brattleboro Energy Committee

Monday, January 14, 2019

5:00 PM

Hanna Cosman Room, Brattleboro Municipal Center

Attendees: Milton Eaton, Tom Finnell, Tom Franks, George Harvey, Oscar Heller

Guests: Carol Levin

Minutes

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM
- B. Introductions and announcements
 - a. Milt shared an article on diesel pickups and a Cato study on the overabundance of carbon fuels
 - b. Oscar reported that he's running for Selectboard, and if elected, will step down from the committee. He also reported that Peter Elwell has invited the committee to give an annual energy report to the Selectboard.
- C. Approve October 1 minutes
 - a. **Vote:** Minutes approved 5-0-1.
- D. Approve December 17 minutes
 - a. **Vote:** Minutes approved 5-0-1.
- E. Discuss amended bylaws reducing committee size
 - a. Oscar shared a draft of amended bylaws decreasing the committee size to seven members. He explained the procedure for passing the amended bylaws at the next meeting.
 - b. **Vote:** Amendment language approved 6-0-0.
- F. Elect vice-chair and secretary
 - a. **Vote:** Tom Franks elected vice-chair 6-0-0.
 - b. **Vote:** Ralph Meima elected secretary 6-0-0.
- G. Reports from working groups
 - a. There are no current working groups
- H. Selectboard report pre-planning

- a. Oscar shared Peter Elwell's invitation to report to the Selectboard. The general sentiment among the committee was that the committee needed to reorganize itself and define its goals before preparing a report. Oscar will email Peter Elwell to decline. The committee will spend its next meeting on that effort to reorganize and define goals.
- I. Feel Good Heat discussion
 - a. Oscar shared Feel Good Heat's request that the Energy Committee sign a statement in support of their efforts to promote wood fuel. The general sentiment among the committee was to not promote commercial projects, and possibly to adopt a policy to that effect in the future. Oscar will email Maura Adams to decline.
- J. Public participation (6:30 PM)
 - a. None.
- K. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM