

## Minutes: 04/02/18

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Attendees: Michael Bosworth, Tom Finnell, George Harvey, RoseAnn Grimes, Oscar Heller, Kathleen White

Guest: Peter Elwell

Topic	Discussion	Action
Approval of March 5, 2018 minutes	none	5-0-0 approval (Tom Finnell arrived after the vote)
Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. SEON weatherization workshop went well.</li><li>2. Vt House put weatherization funds in the proposed state budget.</li><li>3. Jason Cooper will be meeting with GMP this Thursday, April 5, to discuss setting up battery storage (and a microgrid) at his downtown building.</li><li>4. Meeting at WSWMD, 6:30 PM, April 11, with Bob Spencer and Morgan Casella to explain and discuss the anaerobic digester.</li><li>5. FEET group is looking into a microgrid for their neighborhood (Frost, Elm, Elliot St).</li></ol>	
Future Think	<p>A. Re: \$10,000 appropriation by RTM to fund Brattleboro Sustainable Energy Coalition (ie, could fund an energy coordinator, but no specific wording that it has to do so) Ideas: use funds for a specific project, hire an intern, hire someone to work with us on our mission. Peter said the Town would want to make sure it's a worthy proposal before cutting any check from the \$10,000. Going forward, we are less likely to make big savings on a municipal level. Beyond doing the work recommended by the building audits, the BEC and town have dealt with the low hanging fruit. What's left is the business and residential savings.</p> <p>Sustainability officer: Peter would be glad to advocate for this position for next year's budget, depending on what else is happening. At this time this would be a higher priority than any other new staff position. The town has already done the work of defining an SO (see Patrick Moreland's report). Michael feels that feedback on Patrick's report from the SO subcommittee was not fully</p>	

	<p>included in the version that went to the selectboard. That could happen this year, when the idea is presented again. RoseAnn feels that “resiliency” should be reflected in the SO position.</p> <p>B. 5 of 9 BEC members have current terms ending 6/30/18. Michael plans to step down, Kathleen has reached term limit and must take 1 year off. Oscar, Tom Finnell, George and Milt all are leaning towards re-applying. Tad is ambivalent about whether to continue, especially with it being difficult to get to meetings now.</p>	<p>Think about recruiting new BEC members.</p>
<p>Working Group Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Vt Climate Pledge: Towns &amp; groups sign on &amp; fill out dashboard (which has a list of pledges &amp; actions that can result in energy savings). We will be reaching out to organizations to have them sign on, such as: Rich Earth (already signed on), New Chapter, Building Green SEON, WWHT, WSWMD, Stephens &amp; Assoc, NECCA, Retreat Farm, NEYT Prouty. Michael would like to stay on this sub-committee</li> <li>2.SO: already discussed</li> <li>3. DBBEP: Oscar has been looking into and would like to put together a project with a low budget, using services of Heat Squad and SEVCA.</li> <li>4. Electric Vehicles in Town Fleet: Tom Finnell agreed to research the costs of EV, are they being used for police cruisers? how much money would they save? other specs and stats, so, that we can approach Police Chief, Fire Chief and DPW director with all the info they would need to make a decision.</li> <li>5. Microgrid: George, Oscar, Tom Finnell, Michael going to conference call with GMP &amp; Jason Cooper this week.</li> <li>6. Climate Economy Model: Michael talked to the director (Jon Copans) and wrote up his notes. RoseAnn will look at Pownal and how it worked for them. Michael would like to stay on this subcommittee, and he sees the work as integrated/related to the Climate Pledge work.</li> </ol>	<p>Kathleen and Tom will meet within 2 weeks, to discuss the research needed in more detail.</p>

