

# Minutes: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Group:** Brattleboro Energy Committee

**Attendees:** Lester Humphreys, Bob Rueter, Paul Cameron, Chad Simmons, Sheetal Kumar Chanda, Kathleen White

**Guest:** Katrina Wilson (Integrated Solar)

Topic	Discussion	Action
A). Call to order, Agenda review, Minutes approval	No new agenda items added. Minutes approved.	Approve March minutes. Approval: 6 yays, 0 abstain, 0 nays. Minutes approved
B). Check-in / Introductions/ Announcements	<p>a) Paul showed the 2013 Best Energy Committee award given at VECAN Conference. Chad will send video of award presentation.</p> <p>b) Home Energy Challenge Award, "highest percentage of completed Home Performance w/ Energy Star jobs while exceeding 10 job minimum in our region." We had 23% of our goal met.</p> <p>c) Deadline for Efficiency VT air source heat pumps incentive is April 15</p> <p>c) Chad will be gone for the June meeting. Need minute taker.</p>	
C). Presentation - Sheetal Kumar Chanda Discussion and feedback	PowerPoint presentation by Sheetal. Thought provoking way to look at climate change. Looking for critique. Goal is to bring awareness to people about climate change. Provide easy, concrete solutions for people to pursue. Three distinct audiences: 1) Don't know 2) People who know, but don't do 3) People who know, but don't think they have the power to do anything. Committee members provided feedback to Sheetal for future presentations	
D). Subcommittee Reports:		
1). Energy Efficiency a. VT Home Energy Challenge b. Town buildings c. Energy data	a) Home Energy Challenge award. \$10k. Administered like a grant. We can use \$500 to go towards an energy audit; the rest has to go to energy efficiency work (reduces thermal or electric consumption). Plan must be submitted to Efficiency VT by June. Paul will have a conversation with them to see if this deadline is flexible, considering the award was just given in March.	a) At a future select board meeting, present board both awards and explain how we earned each award. a) Paul will reach out to Efficiency VT to discuss pushing back the proposal deadline and begin working with Energy Efficiency SubComm to devise a plan for how \$10k could be used

	<p>b) Town buildings</p> <p>1. Efficiency projects. Paul and Tad will work with Patrick to put together town scope of work options. \$45k fund town fund was approved and can be used towards town building energy audits. At this point, Patrick will need to approve projects based on our recommendations. We could use part of the funds and leverage the rest to get grants. Review priority list of town buildings and encourage those audits to be done asap, working together with Patrick. Efficiency SubComm will take this project on and come up with a plan to present to back to Patrick in order to take action.</p> <p>2) Police/Fire Project. Has a subcommittee to look at boiler and heat-pump plan. Subcommittee recommended a plan that will include one propane boiler and one heat pump. Possible energy savings looks really encouraging.</p> <p>3) Municipal building solar projects (up to 10k projects in order to take advantage of tax credits) on Police/Fire. Looks less likely that we will move forward soon. We are advocating for these systems in order to save the town money.</p>	<p>(see b).</p> <p>b) Energy SubComm will meet to pull together plan. Paul will send out Doodle Poll</p>
<p>2). Home energy video project</p>	<p>Core team meeting monthly to oversee/facilitate project. Met in March to discuss initial frame. Also met with videographer to understand budget implications. Our lofty goal is to have this completed/launched or announced at the Dec. VECAN conference. We will need to look at fundraising options for this project. Next meeting is Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 9am.</p>	
<p>4). Renewables  a. Solar  b. Electric car charging station</p>	<p>a) Town solar</p> <p>1. Integrated Solar/Green Lantern 500kw project is applying for the Certificate of Public Good. Hoping to have the project start this summer.</p> <p>2. Future solar system project from 10kw to 500kw was approved by select board. Select board did want to see how the first one goes. Next step is to put together a proposal for the select board to approve.</p>	<p>a,3: Support Solar SubCom that the town tax private solar photovoltaic systems at \$4/Kw. Anything less than 10kw will not be taxed at all. Also, the tax revenue should be designated for the energy efficiency fund. All in favor, no abstentions, no nays.</p>

	<p>3. Solar tax. Solar SubComm proposes that the town tax private solar photovoltaic systems at \$4/Kw. Anything less than 10kw will not be taxed at all. Also, the tax revenue will be designated for the energy efficiency fund.</p> <p>4. Landfill solar project. WSWMD and select board are very interested in doing a 2+MW system on the landfill. WSWMD is working on a proposal right now. And, would like to work with the energy committee to write the grant.</p> <p>b) Electric car charging stations. Paul submitted a grant for two parking garage charging stations.</p>	
5). Transportation	We have a quarterly roundtable meeting this Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> . Ten surveys went out.	
6). Project Atlantic	Students are putting together the final video projects.	
F). Feedback	No feedback or ideas	
G). Next Meeting	Monday, May 5. 5-6:30pm	