

## Minutes: June 4, 2018

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Attendees: Michael Bosworth, chair; Tom Franks, RoseAnn Grimes, Oscar Heller, Kathleen White (minutes taker).

Guests: Abby Mnookin, 350 Brattleboro; Wayne Estey; Alex Wilson, Dummerston Energy Committee, Building Green; Ralph Meima, Green Lantern

Topic	Discussion	Action
Agenda Review	Meeting called to order at 5:07.	
Approval of May 7, 2018 minutes		Minutes approved 5-0-0, after suggested minor changes to move motions to action column. Kathleen will make changes and send to Jan Anderson.
Schedule for July meeting	All agreed to keep the meeting on the 1st Monday, July 2. Kathleen thanked Michael for his good work on the Energy Committee, especially as chair for the past 3 years. Michael's term is up and he is stepping off the Committee, but will stay involved in a work group. Kathleen is also stepping off the committee, which she must do after 9 years. Oscar, George, Tom Finnell, Milt all have terms ending, but all have said they will probably reapply.	Michael will talk to Jan Anderson and send out information to committee members about how to re-apply to be appointed to Energy Committee.
Sustainability officer--strategizing how best to advocate for a new FY2020 town position	Tom Franks, RoseAnn, Wayne, Abby, Alex all agree the position should be at the executive table to have greatest impact. Alex: a clear job description would help weather changes in personnel, such as Town Mgr. Tom: we need many facets of community to advocate for this. Abby: 350 Vt and 350 Brattleboro would support it. It's a no-brainer in terms of investing in the future. Often, these positions pay for themselves as we plan for the extreme changes coming. Alex suggested working on getting a resolution passed, but Tom said "we need to do one thing well!". RoseAnn wants to see Resiliency added to the job title. One model might be that the position brings together all the town committees to work together and look at SR issues through their committee lens. Michael: we need to get clear and arrive at a common understanding of the role of this position. Do we agree that the role will focus	Michael will contact Peter and get a date for a meeting about SRO position. Tom Franks, Kathleen, Michael and RoseAnn expressed interest in meeting with Peter.

	<p>on energy use of residential/business community vs limit to municipal affairs? Oscar: wants clarification on resiliency. RoseAnn: chronic and acute issues, how we are supporting the community in terms of equity. Ralph: do we want the position to go beyond energy sustainability and resilience to food, water, conflict resolution, etc? Does it make sense to think of it as a 1 person job or a team? RoseAnn: this person would be coordinating/interconnecting efforts, not doing it all alone. Alex agrees a broader position would be more flexible as issues change, and should include economic resilience. Michael: concerned that getting approval for a wider scoped job would be a bigger challenge. People don't understand the concepts of resiliency and sustainability. Northampton's job description seems more focused on Energy, yet at the same time the town is measuring themselves against the nationwide sustainability standards which is huge. Alex: resilience could be more compelling to people than sustainability. "Life Safety" is another term that is used. Michael suggested we meet with Peter Elwell before next BEC meeting for a reality check, to help us refine our ideas, and ask him what he thinks the selectboard would respond well to.</p>	
<p>Energy legislation forum with state legislators-- Ralph</p>	<p>Ralph is concerned that capacity growth for developing solar and wind is stalling, as well as the build out for weatherization and efficiency. Energy hasn't been on the front burner lately in the state legislature and it's time to bring the legislators back into the conversation. A public forum would be a good opportunity for Brattleboro residents to air concerns. Abby said 350 Bratt would want to collaborate. Ralph is looking for a neutral party to sponsor this, such as BEC, vs energy focused industry or non profit. Is BEC allowed to sponsor a legislative event? Others besides BEC members could be on a work group to organize this. Raph offered to help.</p>	<p>Due to time limitations, table further discussion until July meeting.</p>
<p>Support letter for prioritizing non-automobile solutions in</p>	<p>Stephanie Bonin of DBA asked BEC to sign a letter of support for the new Parking Plan that prioritizes bike parking, better biking infrastructure and other alternative</p>	<p>Motion that we sign support letter passed 5-0-0.</p>

