

Minutes: September 14, 2015

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Town Energy Coordinator: Paul Cameron

Attendees: Michael Bosworth, Bob Rueter, Milt Eaton, Ralph Meima

Guests: Cody Berwick, Sean Auth

Topic	Discussion	Action
A-C). Call to order, Agenda review, approval of minutes	Since a quorum was not present, the August 3 minutes were not voted on.	
D). Check-in, Introductions, Announcements	Electric Vehicle Demonstration – Saturday, Oct. 3, 1:00-4:00 pm, Marlboro College Graduate School Vermont Council on Rural Development Forum – “What’s Next For Vermont’s Climate Change Economy?” - Tuesday, October 6, 7:00-9:00 pm, Latchis Theater	
E. Project Atlantic Update	The scheduled guest speaker, Mike Auerbach, did not show up.	
F). Project/Subcommittee reports:		
1. Energy Efficiency a. Town Energy Efficiency Plan/Audits	Margaret Dillon sent a detailed progress report on the energy audits, along with answers to Tad’s questions.	The audits committee (Paul, Tad, Bob, Lester, Patrick Moreland, and John O’Connor) will meet with Margaret monthly for updates.
2. Renewables a. Solar Summer	The Steven Strong talk was successful, with about 50 attendees. Paul and Michael will table at the Co-op on Tuesday, 9/15.	After Sept. 30, the Solar Summer Subcommittee will meet and evaluate the program.
3. Integrated Energy Systems	Kirk Shields from Green Mountain Power reported that GMP’s grant application to the Dept. of Energy was turned down. GMP will investigate other funding sources for a possible microgrid project in Brattleboro. The Windham Regional Commission is administering a \$400,000 reserve fund from the Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) and will send out an RFP. This could be a source of funds for a feasibility study for a Brattleboro microgrid.	Paul will ask Kirk Shields for an update on the e-homes program, and will provide him with information on smaller microgrid technologies.
4. PACE	According to the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, no Windham County residents have yet taken out a PACE loan. Reasons could include the	The BEC will organize a meeting with local weatherization contractors in the spring to solicit their

	low price of oil, and confusion around the different financing options available.	ideas on how to promote PACE.
5. Transportation a. Smart Commute Program	Paul has met with several businesses to discuss the Smart Commute follow-up survey results and actions going forward: Brattleboro Food Co-op, Landmark College, Marlboro College Graduate School, and the State Office Building.	Paul will meet with the Brattleboro Retreat, World Learning, and Windham Southeast Supervisory Union in the next month.
G. FY 2016 Work Plan discussion	The committee had a good discussion.	Paul will send out the draft notes, and the committee will finish the plan at the Oct. 5 meeting.
H. Next meeting	The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5 at 5:00 pm in the Hanna Cosman Room. There will be a discussion on the carbon impact of biomass.	