

Brattleboro Energy Committee

Monday, October 7, 2019

5:00 PM

Community Room, Brattleboro Co-op

Attendees: Tom Finnell, Oscar Heller, Carol Levin, Tony Duncan, Rick Foley

Guests: None

Minutes

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.
- B. We welcomed new members Tony and Rick.
- C. We discussed the Open Meeting Law and the importance of avoiding substantive discussions when a quorum was present and the meeting was not warned, including online.
- D. Tom highlighted a VPR segment on the disappearance of birds due to climate change.
- E. **Vote: September 9 minutes approved, 4-0-1.**
- F. Oscar reported that the sustainability coordinator hiring committee meets on 10/8 for the first time. Tony's wife Millicent is attending NEMS.
- G. No progress on microgrid research this month.
- H. Carol and Oscar reported on the VECAN forum on 10/3. Discussion of and general approval for the idea of reserving a seat on the committee for a high school/college aged member.
- I. Discussion of participating in Button Up Vermont with a sustainable home walkthrough or a weatherization workshop. Tony volunteered his home for a walkthrough. Rick thought it might not be the best use of the committee's energy. No decision.
- J. Discussion of potential projects for the coming year, including extensive discussion of a potential crosscutting project involving energy and affordable housing. Rick will kick things off by doing political mapping with his daughter, who works in the field. The first goal is to create a prospectus for a possible project. Discussion of asking the Selectboard to recommend actions for Brattleboro Housing Authority, particularly an energy audit.
- K. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.