

Minutes: November 3, 2014**Group:** Brattleboro Energy Committee**Town Energy Coordinator:** Paul Cameron**Attendees:** Lester Humphreys, Bob Rueter, Chad Simmons, Anne Brinton, Kathleen White, Michael Bosworth, Jason Cooper, Tad Montgomery**Guest:** Kevin Duby, Ralph Meima, George Harvey, Cimbria Badenhausen, Shawn Auth (Sp?)

Topic	Discussion	Action
A). Call to order, Agenda review, Minutes approval	-Review minutes next meeting	
B). Check-in, Introductions, Announcements	-VECAN Conference, Sat Dec 6 - Energy Efficiency Utility 3-year plan Community Forum--November 6th -The Local Energy Working Group is hosting a workshop on November 12: Energy Efficiency 101: The LED and Heat Pump Technologies -Wednesday, Nov 5 th 10am WSWMD is having a Q&A on the landfill solar project -VT Transportation meeting at CCV, Tuesday, Nov 4 th 6-7:30pm	
C). BEC Annual Report	-Paul & Lester presented a draft powerpoint presentation to committee	-Revise presentation based on feedback and present at December 1 st BEC meeting with the goal of presenting at the December selectboard meeting
E). Subcommittee Reports:		
1). Energy Efficiency a. Town buildings, Home Energy Challenge grant	a) HEC grant -Work is moving forward. -PWG heating pipe insulation completed -Streetlight retrofit is underway -Request was passed on related to the "Dark Sky" compliant lights. Still no word yet -Town energy efficiency RFP was passed on to Patrick and looking at what asbestos remediation work may be needed. Patrick has asked Catamount Environmental Services to look into this work	
2). Energy Data	-No update	
3). Home Energy Video Project	--Paul arranged for film to be screened during parts of the Brattleboro Film Festival. -BCTV put the film in rotation -So far, the visibility and impact has been very low. As of Nov 6, here is our	

	<p>impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Calls generated from video: 2 -YouTube views: 189 -Facebook (boost ad): 63 video plays; 67 link clicks; 2 (home energy challenge) page likes -Facebook ad campaign views: 31 video views 	
<p>4). Renewables</p> <p>a. Solar Tax</p> <p>b. Solar electric projects</p> <p>c. Electric car charging stations</p>	<p>a) Town looking into an estimate based on the Sandi-model of tax revenue. Waiting for estimate from Russell Rice for Winstanley project</p> <p>b) Next Gen said the solar project in Westminster is 95% constructed. Hoping to be completed in another week or so.</p> <p>-WSWMD sent out an RFP Oct 15 with a Dec 15 deadline. A site visit is scheduled for 11/5</p> <p>c) Tesla has applied to put in a supercharger station at the Price Chopper. Will have 8 stations on it</p> <p>-Paul talked with Green Mtn Power (GMP) about charging stations. GMP is working with NRG systems and will be owned by GMP. Businesses could share into stations. Plans to create 15 level-2 chargers and 5 fast chargers throughout the state</p>	
<p>5). Transportation</p>	<p>-No updates</p>	
<p>H). Biomass proposal</p>	<p>-Sustainable Energy Funding Program proposal. Mission of group is to fund sustainable energy projects that, for whatever reason, have not been able to get funding to get off the ground. Proposal before us to be presented to selectboard on Nov 18. Proposal to get approval to do a feasibility study (free of charge) of a “low-cost, community-owned wood heating” facility in Brattleboro.</p> <p>-Process is for the entity (town) to agree to the project. Sustainable Energy Funding Program (SEFP) would form a separate entity to carry the project (i.e. LLC). At the end of the project, SEFP would “gift” the project to the town, free of charge.</p> <p>-SEFP would get the feasibility study done for free, if the town moves</p>	<p>-Motion to present statement to the selectboard on November 18th. Motion passes 7,0, 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I</p>

forward with the project, the cost of this study would be folded into the full project cost (a minimal cost).

- The town can have full access to the feasibility study
- The town can be involved in the process of developing the feasibility study
- The money for the feasibility comes from a combination of investors and grants
- This is predominantly a project by Morris Pierce
- Larry Sprague of SEFP would carry this project forward, but needs town support
- This project/proposal took a tremendous amount of work on behalf of Morris. There is an opportunity here to finance
- Patrick and the selectboard may welcome the energy committee's input on this issue
- This may bring up some broader issues/costs that the committee and town will want to consider (ex: support or endorsement of a biomass)
- This is a large system proposal that requires a significant infrastructure proposal.
- Lester thinks because this is a private project proposal, it can move forward with or without our support. However, if we can create a statement communicating the support for projects that further renewable forms of energy production, this will help the project move forward and support BEC's mission. This would include the mission of the energy committee and biomass that is responsibly harvested, processed and saves the town money.
- Proposed motion for committee to present at November 18th selectboard meeting.

"The Brattleboro Energy Committee supports the development of renewable energy sources for heat and electricity in Brattleboro, such as biomass energy systems in which the fuel is sustainably harvested and

	responsibility processed, especially if such systems will lower the cost of living and improve the local economy, while helping realize the state and local climate and energy goals.”	
Next meeting	Monday, December 1 st , 2014. 5pm. Hanna Cosman Room, Brattleboro Municipal Center	