

Minutes: 12/03/2012

Group: Brattleboro Energy Committee

Attendees: Paul Cameron, Lester Humphreys, Jed Leslie, Bob Rueter, Kathleen White.

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Agenda review		
Minutes approval		Approved by unanimous vote
Announcements	<p>1. Lester: feels LED lights in a home are less expensive due to energy savings and nicer light quality. Granite City Electric at Exit 1 Industrial Park is selling LED 75 watt replacement bulbs for \$10 or so. (Usual price Phillips is \$26). Last 22 years at 3 hours/day. Will get cheaper over time.</p> <p>2. Paul: meeting with BEC, BTU and legislators at MGC Dec 10, 5 to 6:30. All encouraged to attend.</p> <p>3. Bob: WRC sponsoring meeting Dec 12 at Newbrook Fire Dept, Newfane, "How to read your energy audit and make sure you get a good one" Bob presenting.</p> <p>4. Kathleen: Local Motion is working with Brattleboro on Ped/Bike safety and strategic planning for improving infrastructure in the next year.</p> <p>5. Paul: VECAN conference 12/1/12 was really good. Inspiring key notes and workshops. Vt legislature wants 80% of homes weatherized by 2020. Funds could come from a fee on carbon emissions.</p>	
Sub-Committee reports	<p>PACE: Report by Carol Weston at the Southern Vt Energy roundtable: The funding for PACE is still uncertain. Banks are pulling back. EV would send bill to homeowner, who pays directly to bank. Money does not pass through town. PACE bill would look similar to a tax bill. If owner does not pay, it's the town's responsibility to go after the homeowner. We need to decide whether to recommend PACE. Only if the payback is cash neutral or better. Bob Fisher still</p>	PACE: Talk to Dick DeGray if there is no sign off on PACE by Bob Fisher by mid-December.

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	<p>has concerns. Paul will get Bob's concerns in writing to get to Bill Ellis. Paul has been speaking to Bob weekly. Has sent a letter to Bob and Barb Sondag requesting a decision by mid-December. Barb has said she will talk to Bob. We want to be on the town meeting agenda, which is set at Selectboard meeting on January 15th.</p> <p>Renewables:</p> <p>a. Solar Electric Project: All present reviewed the memo by BEC which will be presented to Selectboard tomorrow night. (See attached proposal). Motion to approve proposal passed unanimously.</p> <p>b. electric car charging station: Jed met with Tom McGraff, Clean Cities Coordinator. He would like to speak to BEC. GMP paid to install charging stations at City Market in Burlington. Could that happen at BFC? Jed would like to work on this as a personal project.</p> <p>Efficiency:</p> <p>a. Streetlights: Meeting with Steve Barrett and GMP tomorrow morning. Some test areas are complete (Cedar St), but most of Putney Rd is not done, and about 1/2 of Western Ave. If LEDs are put up correctly, they are fine. If too low, high or crooked, they shine in the wrong places. Focus of the meeting will be on putting them up correctly and dealing .</p> <p>b. Home Energy Challenge: Paul would like to set up a separate subcommittee and bring more people in to focus on this. Vote taken and approved. Transition Brattleboro group is very excited about this as a concrete project for them. Bob, Jed and Kathleen will work on this. New people so far include: Tad Montgomery, Beatrice Blake, Lyssa Weinman. Volunteers needed to get people to sign up for audits. Incentives are in the ballpark of \$150 for an audit and \$250 for completing the work. Tad will do coaching for people who need guidance going thru the process. Paul will be reaching out to civic and church groups.</p> <p>Transportation: Brattleboro-Keene summit working</p>	<p>Electric Charging Stations: Jed will invite Tom McGraff to our February BEC meeting.</p>

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	<p>group to meet this week. Next Way to Go business roundtable meeting is Jan 23, with focus on ride sharing/van-pooling with Ross McDonald and others.</p> <p>European Model: Ralph not present to speak about this. Decided we will call this topic "Town Meeting Resolution" going forward.</p> <p>Addendum: 12/4/12: Ralph has met with George Harvey a few more times. A general meeting about the project will be held Jan 7, 2013; outreach is starting for that. They are meeting with Guy Paine 12/6 and plan to contact BUHS teachers and Tom Yahn.</p>	<p>Paul will contact Ralph for an update on European Model.</p>
<p>2013 Work Plan Discussion</p>	<p>BEC will continue work on:</p> <p>PACE</p> <p>Efficiency: streetlights, Vt Home Energy Challenge, Town Buildings</p> <p>Renewables: solar electric project</p> <p>Transportation: Way to Go Challenge, Bratt-Keene corridor, Carpooling/Vanpooling</p> <p>Town Meeting Resolution (formerly known as European Model)</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Next meeting topic and speakers</p>	<p>Next meeting Monday, January 7, 5 to 6:30 PM</p>	

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