

BENNINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 6th, 2022

Bennington Fire Dept Multi-Purpose Rm, 3rd Floor, 130 River St, Bennington

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

MINUTES

Those Present: Bill Karis, Bruce Lee-Clark, Bill Christian, Bruce Lierman, Deanna Oakes, Callie Fishburn, Dick Dundas

Meeting called to Order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

- Review minutes from March 3rd meeting – BL & BLC - passed
- Report out on BCRC Energy Committee Meetings
 - Identified action items
 - Connect with our partners that conduct low-income weatherization
 - AI B posting outreach for Heatsquad
 - EC Strategic thinking & filling out action Matrix to ID gaps
 - BCRC's Energy Coordinator does not have time for direct outreach to residents/landlords/business
 - AND *may* be refocusing efforts on H518 from general plan implementation funding
 - Will be coordinating with municipal resources Paul Dansereau/Mark Sawyer/Dan Monks/Jonah Spivak to make outreach to residents/landlords through permitting & real estate
 - Town also needs to provide energy baselines and current consumption. BLC will connect Melissa Currier and the Chair.
 - Energy Coordinator would be duplicative within the Town & adding this position would not add sufficient value to Town
 - Next steps to up meeting with Jonah to discuss outreach opportunities assigned to the PR subcommittee.
 - EVT Community Engagement Lead for SVT is leaving her position.
- EV charging and EV car-share opportunity/updates
 - BCRC & Shires submitted grant application for multifamily charging
 - Dual port charging @ Cora B Whitney
 - Dual port charging in Arlington
 - EV Show @ Dorset Green in April 24th, 11am – 1pm
 - Bruce Lierman will reconnect with CarShare VT
- Data Subcommittee Update
 - Bruce Lee-Clark will reconnect with Melissa Currier (see above)

- VT Energy Atlas lists renewables but not total energy consumption
- PR Subcommittee Update
 - EVT post cards via Becca White to Callie Fishburn
 - Next steps to up meeting with Jonah to discuss outreach opportunities on the Town's social media and with CAT-TV.
- Community Energy Coordinator Subcommittee Update
 - See "Report out on BCRC Energy Committee Meetings"
- Action Items Action Plan Matrix
 - See updated Matrix (attached)
- Public comment
 - Bruce Lierman – Window Dressers – focused on serving Low Income households and signing these customers up early in the season
 - Sadly, Michael Kuser has resigned from his post as Vice Chair of the Energy Committee.
 - Deanna Oakes will be heading off to college in August and will be leaving when her term is up in June.
- Confirm agenda for first Wednesday of month, May 4th, 2022 meeting.
 - Work will continue on the Matrix starting at #5. Members are encouraged to work on their ideas for working on the Action Plan matrix.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.