

**REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

*Hybrid Meeting (in-person and virtual)*  
*City Hall Council Chambers*

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1. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Visitors and Communications (for something not on the agenda)
4. Old Business
  - A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Committee Meetings May 24 and July 26, 2021
  - B. Update on Transportation: Capstone mobility initiatives – MyRide pilot (Amanda Carlson)
  - C. Landlord initiative and Council Charge next steps
  - D. Update on energy engagement appendix prioritizations (Deb Sachs)
  - E. Update on Community Visit
5. New Business
6. Roundtable
7. Adjourn

**REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

***Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform***

**Committee members present:** Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini, Romni Palmer

**Committee members absent:** Romni Palmer

**Visitors:** Deb Sachs of EcoStrategies, LLC; Brad Long of Efficiency Vermont

**1. Call to Order**

5:32 pm on the video conference platform ZOOM.

**2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Moved New Business Letters F & G to the beginning of the meeting as Sachs needs to leave by 6:30 pm.

**3. Visitors and Communications** *(for something not on the agenda)*

None.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 10, April 17, April 26 and May 16, 2021**

After discussion regarding deletions and grammar corrections, motion made by Cecchini and seconded by Teal, ***motion carried.***

**b. Roadmap Update**

Cecchini stated that with dwindling number of members, there is not the bandwidth to get all these done and advocate for, and he himself has little to no bandwidth left also. If 2/3 of the committee can't see it getting done, then perhaps we need to focus on advocacy. Wang stated that the documents aren't going to get shelved, but is a great set of work outlines for years to come. Hope to find people to be as enthusiastic as the current group.

**c. Committee 2021 Goals update**

Discussion flowed into this from the roadmap discussion. A suggestion to have Shatney speak about the permit process, and even invite Code Enforcement to a meeting for further dialoging ensued.

As for MicroTransit, as noted from the Forum, it will be a few more weeks for any decisions regarding stakeholder participation will be made.

Discussion about Energy Champ Campaign: it was suggested to next interview

Capstone and Downstreet.

Allocation of ARPA funds, perhaps 2021 financing for installs, heat pumps or fast-fill EV stations.

➔ ***Special BCEC meeting on Saturday, June 5 at 8:30 am to discuss financing for installs.***

**d. Barre City Housing Forum Report-out**

Wang said that she found the presentation by CVRPC very interesting, and had good statistics, but had asked where they had come from.

**e. Efficiency VT update**

Long reported that the landlord and tenant initiative has started, and said the Barre City link has been updated. At this point, Councilor Jake Hemmerick joined the meeting.

Long noted that of the energy information for housing, some may market for weatherization. Teal will go with Long to meet with Tracie Lewis of the Barre Partnership to see about support and programs.

**HOMEWORK:** *create a flyer or letter on said information that Shatney can assist in getting it out to the masses.*

**f. Municipal Updates**

Discussion about what is happening in the city.

**5. New Business:** None.

**6. Roundtable:** Nothing.

**7. Adjourn**

Motion made at 8 pm by Cecchini and seconded by Teal, ***motion carried.***

There is no audio recording available, and the meeting was not recorded by the ZOOM video conference platform.

Respectfully submitted

Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director

**REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**July 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

**Present:** Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini

**Staff:** Janet Shatney, Planning Director

**Visitors:** Deb Sachs, EcoStrategies, LLC; Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting was called to order in-person and via video platform by Chair Wang at 5:32 pm.

**2. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Visitors and Communications** *(for something not on the agenda)*

None.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Approve meeting minutes of July 1 and July 17, 2021**

Motion by Cecchini and seconded by Teal to approve both sets of minutes, motion carried.

**B. Landlord Initiatives**

Purpose is to decide how and what is to be done on the August 4, 2021 meeting with local landlords.

- Cecchini suggested reviewing the heat pump data that CVRPC has posted, and if our goal is 200 installs, and something like +170 are already done, we could increase our goal – need to find out where their data is from
- Teal suggested any collected data we can get and find out any assumptions and myths that could be dispelled on heat pumps would be great
- Ensure this focus group understands our goals, what we are aiming for and as potential supporters, and arrive at a good consensus
- Discussion of how to start the focus group meeting on Aug. 4, Wang suggested talk theoretically then get more focused as the conversations go on
- Long asked about the process, do these landlords have a capital planning process for maintenance and upkeep, priorities they consider, and what are their trigger points, as this could define the campaign. **What's In it For Me?**
- Need the attention-grab, look for ways to get people to pay attention, and develop market strategies as they could be helpful, and what are the barriers?
- Wang outlined a potential agenda, discussed who was going to be the spokesperson (chair?) and should all 3 members be there, what about Sachs and Long?
- Long's role is a resource, collaborator and someone to be an ear for Efficiency

Vermont's side – Sach's role is a resource

- Long will look for examples, and Wang will work on a dialog to share with the members
- Everyone be at the focus group meeting at Espresso Bueno at 8 am

**5. New Business:**

None.

**6. Roundtable:**

None.

**7. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm by Cecchini, seconded by Teal.

There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference platform.

Respectfully submitted

Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director

# All In for Barre

Wednesday  
**Aug 25**  
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step 1

Community Forums to Set Direction for the Future

<https://bit.ly/ForBarre> ►



Join forums with your friends and neighbors – in person or online – to share your ideas for the future of Barre! Find links to join Zoom sessions at 2:30, 4:15 and 7:00 here: <https://bit.ly/ForBarre> or join in person:

	Aldrich Public Library <i>6 Washington St, Barre</i>	Barre Opera House <i>6 N Main St, Barre</i>	Church of the Good Shepherd <i>39 Washington St, Barre</i>
2:30-4pm	<b>Substance Use Disorder</b>	<b>Aging in Barre</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
4:15-5:45pm	<b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>	<b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion</b>	<b>Opportunities in the Face of Climate Change</b>
6-7pm	<b>FREE COMMUNITY DINNER</b> @ Elks Lodge, 10 Jefferson St <i>Eat at the Elks Lodge or pick up a meal to eat outside</i> Pasta, salad, bread, & dessert provided by the Elks Lodge and the City of Barre		
7-8:30pm	<b>Supporting Barre Students &amp; Families</b>	<b>Recreation, Arts &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Addressing Empty Buildings &amp; Downtown Vitality</b>

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** Attend the sessions most important to you!



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Childcare offered at the Aldrich Public Library for library forum participants



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The "All In for Barre" Community Visit process is a 3-month process that invites Barre community members to come together in a neutral and facilitated structure to examine issues, decide top priorities and develop action plans for the future of Barre. Find out more at [bit.ly/ForBarre](https://bit.ly/ForBarre) or contact VCRD at 802-223-6091 or [info@vtrural.org](mailto:info@vtrural.org).