

**Barre City Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 5:30 pm
Conference Room, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Philip Cecchini

Committee Members Absent: Conor Teal

City Staff Present: Janet Shatney

Community Members Present: Richard Hiscock

1. Called to order - 5:35 pm
2. There were no changes to the proposed agenda.
3. MOTION: Approve minutes of meeting for March 28, 2018 made by P. Cecchini and seconded by E. Wang. The motion passed unanimously.
4. City Hall Audit.

J. Bergeron not present to speak if he was able to complete the action items assigned to him last month. P. Cecchini did inquire how solar was secured on the roof of the Morse Block, and said that they are secured by ballast, and are solar/thermal panels.

ACTION: E. Wang to follow up with J. Bergeron to provide 3 year of electric and 2 years of fuel usage to Craig at Commons Energy.

5. Debrief of Solar Workshop.

E. Wang stated there were only 6 in attendance, not including the energy committee members. It was the last workshop for the season. Discussion about having not just solar, but community solar – inquire of people that if they're interested but don't have a place to put it, and educate from there, how to promote? FPF and create a list of people that inquire and want to be further informed? P. Cecchini took a video of the workshop, and has posted on YouTube, looking for E. Wang's feedback.

ACTION: E. Wang to check in with resident Richard Hiscock to see of his interest in taking on this project on Front Porch Forum.

ACTION: E. Wang to review video for thoughts on posting on Facebook.

6. Reconsideration of sponsorship of BCEC Electric Car event at Thunder Road.

E. Wang stated that VIC contributed the remaining amount of sponsorship funds needed for the event. Therefore, BCEC still has a presence and is a sponsor, but free and clear of any financial support. Our commitment is to table, and be there, with no financial requirements. The event is fully funded, and while our contribution is not necessary, we

still want to contribute something.

MOTION: P. Cecchini made a motion to amend the decision of the March meeting to adjust the sponsorship contribution from \$200 to \$100, seconded by E. Wang, motion passed unanimously.

7. BCEC presence at Car Event at Thunder Road.

We have the ability to table there and be present.

8. Discuss Energy Plan draft RFP.

J. Shatney working with Eric V. at CVRPC; she stated that CVRPC is happy the BCEC is moving forward with this. Draft RFP needs to focus on doing the public outreach, as that is the consultant's focus.

ACTION: P. Cecchini to review draft RFP and send any comments to E. Wang

9. Update on BEAR funds

E. Wang has not heard back from 2 of the 6 BEAR members on her request, and because its been over 2 months since her inquiry, she considers silence as implied approval and will move forward with a formal request to P. Cecchini at Capstone Community Action to acquire the remaining funds.

ACTION: E. Wang to send a formal request to Capstone (Phil Cecchini) to request turning these funds over to the BCEC.

10. Discussion of purchasers for BCEC activities.

E. Wang asked if there was any way that the members could be added to Aubuchon's, Nelson's Hardware and CW Print + Design as approved purchasers so that it would eliminate reimbursements and the City having to issue 1099's at the end of the year. P. Cecchini suggested then should it be allowed by the City, then annually BCEC votes on the list of approved purchasers and turns it back to the City.

ACTION: J. Shatney will ask, and also find out the procedure for council to authorize creating a funding line for unused committee funds rolled over to keep.

11. Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm made by P. Cecchini, seconded by E. Wang. Passed unanimously.