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## **Barre City Energy Committee Meeting Minutes March 26, 5:30 pm Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Philip Cecchini  
Committee Members Absent: None  
City Staff Present: Steven Mackenzie, Jeff Bergeron  
Community Members Present: None

1. Called to order - 5:30 pm
2. There were no changes to the proposed agenda.
3. MOTION: Approve minutes of meeting for December 12, 2017 and February 26, 2018 made by Conor Teal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Cecchini. The motion Passed unanimously.
4. Update on City Hall audit timing.  
An initial tour of the attic space and a quick review of the basement area was made by Commons Energy along with DeWolf Engineering. They reviewed the roof support systems to determine if it could carry a heavier snow load and investigated how it could be supported. Initial thoughts were that insulation could only be added on the roof side. Further exploration of the building and written recommendations are expected by July 1.

ACTION: Jeff Bergeron to provide 3 year of electric and 2 years of fuel usage to Craig at Commons Energy.

ACTION: Phil Cecchini to inquire how solar is secured on the roof of the Morse Block.

5. April 19<sup>th</sup> or April 26<sup>th</sup> were identified as potential dates to reschedule the Solar Workshop.

ACTION: Elaine Wang to check on availability of the Library space, presenters and Solar representatives.

6. Consider authorizing sponsorship of BCEC Electric Car event at Thunder Road.  
MOTION: Conor Teal moved for the Barre City Energy Committee to co-sponsor the Electric Car event at Thunder Road for \$200. Second by Philip Cecchini. Passed Unanimously.

ACTION: Elaine Wang to provide information to Janet Shatney to cut check.

7. Discuss energy plan effort.

ACTION: Elaine Wang to draft and circulate to Phil Cecchini prior to the next BCEC meeting.

Prior quotes to prepare an Energy Plan for the City were in the range of \$12,000.

There are funds earmarked to the Energy Committee from Novus Corporation donated in conjunction with the City's solar projects – there is currently \$6,000 in the fund. An additional amount for the 2<sup>nd</sup> array is expected, however, since the array is smaller than originally planned we expect a lower contribution.

ACTION: Steve Mackenzie to follow up with NOVUS on the status of this 2<sup>nd</sup> donation.

ACTION: Janet Shatney to investigate if there are any grant funds available to fund development of the City's Energy Plan.

A related discussion on the disposition of funds from the former BEAR group followed. BEAR was an ad-hoc group promoting energy efficiency in the Barre Area. Elaine Wang and Phil Cecchini were involved with the group before joining the BCEC. Capstone Community Action acted as BEAR's fiscal agent – Capstone is holding \$802.59 of funds for BEAR. Elaine Wang reached out to the active members of BEAR and have not heard back. Phil Cecchini did speak to Paul Flint and Allie Flint who were in favor of the funds being turned over to the Barre City Energy Committee. Elaine Wang and Phil Cecchini support turning these funds over to the City for use by BCEC.

ACTION: Elaine to reach out to the other two members of BEAR to see seek their input.

ACTION: Since 4 out of the 6 active members of BEAR support transferring the funds and the other 3 active BEAR members are silent, Elaine Wang agreed to send a request to Capstone (Phil Cecchini) to request turning these funds over to the BCEC.

8. Discuss workshop advertising method.

Further discussion deferred to the next meeting.

9. Update on Facebook page improvements.

Further discussion deferred to the next meeting.

10. Motion to adjourn made by Phil Cecchini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conor Teal. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:15pm