

Barre City Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Phil Cecchini

Committee Members Absent: Romni Palmer

Staff Present: Janet Shatney, Planning Director; Steve Mackenzie, City Manager

Visitors: Craig Simmons, Commons Energy

1. Call to order - 5:30 pm by Co-Chair Wang
2. Changes to agenda? None.
3. Approve minutes of meeting for June 25, 2018.
 - Motion to approve as presented made by P. Cecchini and seconded by C. Teal, passed unanimously.
4. Update on City Hall Audit.
 - Per C. Simmons, key piece of this is the cost. After discussion, S. Mackenzie asked if it made sense to take a time out for +/- 3 mo.? C. Simmons could get better information and spec time rather than get it after the RFP gets issued.
 - Two questions posed: go to a design build with ERC or bid, receive high bids beyond the expected scope.
 - Discussion of boiler: City replacing only 1; replace with a different system? P. Cecchini reminded all that 10 years ago there was a recommendation to replace them then, now City can only replace one at a time due to cost.
 - C. Simmons asked that, regardless of the boiler, could work in some assessment of the system during the audit?
 - ✓ ACTION: S. Mackenzie will try and set up a meeting at DuBois & King offices in So. Burlington (engineer) next Thursday, August 2, 2018 so that C. Simmons can attend to discuss further.
5. Update on Energy Plan community Engagement RFP.
 - J. Shatney will work with E. Wang on RFP using template.
6. Debrief on Renewables Energy Night at Thunder Road.
 - C. Teal said that he thought there could be more participation based on the layout. They

had more people stop once the table was inside the ticket area than outside, after he and E. Wang moved it. Thought there was +/- 20 participants, the giveaways were good but kept some for the Heritage Festival. E. Wang was able to participate when it was BCEC's turn to use the flag with race winners. All in all, good exposure at a different venue.

7. Discuss Heritage Festival and plan for tabling.

- E. Wang not attending this year. P. Cecchini will set up, bringing table and canopy. C. Teal will be there around 11 am. No parade participation this time. Supplies are needed for giveaways, P. Cecchini and E. Wang made a list.
 - ✓ ACTION: E. Wang to do inventory and let P. Cecchini and C. Teal know what she has and what needs to be purchased; give supplies to P. Cecchini for setup; and to pick up the banner at Thunder Road on Thursday, July 26 and give to P. Cecchini.
- Motion was made by C. Teal and seconded by P. Cecchini to spend an amount not to exceed \$100 on supplies (bulbs, solar items, etc.) for the Heritage Festival.

8. Discuss interest in participating in Button Up Vermont 2018.

- E. Wang read email from P. Markowitz, and any interested parties can participate on a call on Wednesday, August 8 at noon, which all members are encouraged to get on. Have to have 2 events between mid-September and mid-December. Tabling at hardware stores is out; discussion on hosting a home energy party was tossed around.

9. Update on EBike and electric bike promotion.

- E. Wang was able to get to the bike shop on N. Main Street. They do have EBikes, and have a cargo EBike. They are willing to participate in any information outsourcing.

10. Motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm by P. Cecchini and Seconded by C. Teal, passed unanimously.