

**Barre City Energy Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2019**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Romni Palmer

Committee Members Absent: Phil Cecchini

Visitors: Mayor Lucas Herring

1. Call to order – 5:47 pm by Co-Chair Wang
2. Changes to agenda? Discussion with Mayor Herring.
3. Approve minutes of meeting for January 28, 2019.
  - Motion to approve as presented made by R. Palmer and seconded by C. Teal, passed unanimously.
4. Mayor Herring presented information on Spaulding High School volunteer hours requirement (40 hrs for school year) for Seniors to graduate. One idea that’s been discussed was an energy efficiency ‘Button-Up Program,’ for example: to help senior citizens in Barre City with in-home projects. Brenda Waterhouse is the school staff coordinator for the volunteer program. *The Committee will consider supporting this idea and help get it started after getting more information from B. Waterhouse.*
5. Update from Elaine Wang on new Efficiency Vermont Account Manager for Barre City, Michelle McCutcheon-Schour.
6. Assigned members to make follow up calls to ‘Button-Up Hero’ participants who had proposals sent to them by their Button-Up Contractor but have not acted on them yet.  
**ACTION: Signups will be contacted by March 9 by Committee Members.**
7. Discussed committee thoughts about how to improve the Energy Plan drafted by the CVRPC in terms of framing, content to revise, and additional data of interest.
  - The Committee decided to keep the data collected by Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) for use in the Energy Plan since it demonstrates the minimum targets in energy use set by the State.
  - Committee members were assigned tasks to better prepare the plan for public discussion:
  - R. Palmer:
    - Community Energy Dashboard - Add in a blurb about the resource and how it could be used:  
<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/>

- P. Cecchini:
  - Replace geothermal section with heat pump statistics and discussion.
  
- E. Wang:
  - Aggregate installed energy systems to Ward level. Keep names of public facilities. Locate additional data of interest.
  
- C. Teal:
  - Revamp tables/charts, add more relevant data for better awareness of goals, including: conversion rates or recognizable comparisons.

**ACTION: Committee members to further review the Draft Energy Plan and create comments and edits for next meeting (Mar. 25, 2019).**

8. Adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm by C. Teal and seconded by R. Palmer, passed unanimously.