

To be approved at the 2-24-20 meeting

**Barre City Energy Committee
January 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm**

Committee members present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Romni Palmer, Janet Shatney - Staff

Committee members absent: Phil Cecchini

Visitors present: Deb Sachs – Committee consultant; Brad Long – Efficiency Vermont; Emily Eckert – Green Mountain Power; Lori Barg – interested non-city resident

1. **Call to Order:** Co-Chair Wang called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.
2. **Changes to the agenda:** Emily from GMP (Green Mountain Power) (inadvertently left off the agenda at the request of EVT (Efficiency Vermont) gave a presentation of incentives by GMP for residents and commercial users, such as EV stations for the home, electric lawn mowers, e-bikes, etc. She stated that GMP's goals are to be 90% carbon free by 2020, and 100% renewable by 2030. There were electricity statistics presented, and that the Municipality, in 2019, spent \$367,542 for 11,912,125 kwh used.
3. **Approve meeting minutes from 11/25/19, 1/02/20, and 1/12/20:** R. Palmer motioned and C. Teal seconded to approve the 11/25/19 minutes; C. Teal motioned and R. Palmer seconded to approve the 1/02/20 minutes; and R. Palmer motioned and C. Teal seconded to approve the 1/12/20 minutes – no discussion, **motion carried.**
4. **Check in on home energy visits:** E. Wang's contacts are still very interested so will be in touch. R. Palmer's contacts either had emails bounce back or there was no response back; and C. Teal's contacts need reaching out as well.
 - **E Wang homework: check with P. Cecchini on his contact status.**
5. **Landlord workshop:** wants to hold off on the workshop for landlords, as things are changing for EVT as they are going through a renewal process, so will have better information in February or later. He intends to dialog with others that presented and did work in Randolph and Brandon and will bring back to BCEC.
 - **J. Shatney will send to B. Long the Rental Registry Workbook so that he has a complete list of landlords and property managers within the City limits.**
6. **Other early targeted community priorities (Brad Long):** B. Long spoke regarding how he is dialoging with people in the City and reminded us that there is an opportunity to spend \$4,000 on an energy opportunity, and what the City is spending on heating. Ms. Barg was interested in the data that EVT could gather. He will amass a catalog of the municipal buildings' walkthroughs.

B. Long is working on the following:

- a) Meeting with a couple of non-profits coming up
- b) Met with the Aldrich Library and has the capability of tabling there

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- c) Met with the owner of Espresso Bueno to be able to have coffee with EVT! Perhaps February and March
 - d) Met with Jamie Stewart of Central Vermont Economic Development Council
 - e) Met with Bob Nelson, owner of Nelson's Ace Hardware to table and hold a bulb swap
 - f) Wants to meet with owner or manager at Aubuchon's to do the same as 'e'
 - g) He has an allotment of 200 total home energy visits for Barre City, which equates to approx. 18 visits a month. This will kick off in February and B. Long really wants to have these work as the EVT engineers have time set aside for the City
 - h) He will have a media kit that all of us can utilize throughout this process
 - i) February is the Home Energy Visit Campaign. Barre City has a landing page created for the energy visit sign ups. <https://www.encyvermont.com/barre-city>
 - j) The moniker assigned will be #barrecitysaves
 - k) B. Long has access to the home energy trailer between Oct. 26 and Dec. 4 and L. Barg will speak to the owner of Lenny's at 350 N. Main Street to see if they would be interested in hosting the two trailers for an event later this year. More will be talked about in the future.
- 7. Community engagement for energy plan priorities:** Snack calendar of ideas (Google Docs) and priorities, for D. Sach's "nuggets". They are prioritized and she has gotten started on some already. She will keep the committee updated on the items that she is assigned to, and the committee's priorities.
- 8. Set date for special meeting for next work session:** need to work on the survey questions. D. Sachs will clean up the draft and have ready. Looking at Sunday, February 9th with a location and time to be decided upon via emails among committee members.
- **J. Shatney to put on calendar to remember to reach out to Barre Partnership for Heritage Festival tabling**
- 9. Assign City Council presenter for Qtr. 1, 2020:** Will be tied with the presentation by B. Long in front of City Council, so R. Palmer and C. Teal will be the presenters every quarter. J. Shatney will inform the committee when a date on the City Council agenda has been chosen.
- 10. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by R. Palmer and seconded by C. Teal at 8:11 pm, motion carried.