

1                                   **REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
2                                   **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm**  
3                                   **Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform**

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5 **Committee members present:** Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini, Romni  
6 Palmer

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8 **Committee members absent:** None

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10 **Visitors:** Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont; Deb Sachs, and Isabella Wolfsdorf of EcoStrategies, LLC

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12       1. **Call to Order:** 5:33 p.m. on the video conference platform ZOOM.  
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14       2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** The agenda would be adjusted to accommodate R. Palmer  
15       joining later during the meeting.  
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17       3. **Visitors and Communications** (*for something not on the agenda*): None.  
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19       4. **Old Business:**

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21       **b. Update from Efficiency Vermont, especially landlord and tenant initiatives and**  
22       **champion interviews**

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24       B. Long reviewed the renter status work at EVT (Efficiency Vermont), stating not  
25       much has changed since he last reported in. He thanked C. Teal for the video with  
26       Darren Ohls at the Vermont Bicycle Shop on N. Main Street, stating a great job was  
27       done. Mr. Fred Pond could be the next video participant, and make the next video  
28       shorter, between 5 and 7 minutes. The plan for distribution will go The Barre  
29       Partnership, and hoping to have it on EVT's vlog. He hopes to see four (4) different  
30       market segments with the videos: commercial, residential, municipal and non-profit,  
31       which he hopes to do next. He also stressed that these videos are the Committee's,  
32       not EVT's. He is happy to help out the additional videos, and wondered out loud  
33       about anything transportation related, and even landlord or renter. As far as  
34       municipal, talk turned to the various DPW pop-ups that occurred last year (sidewalk  
35       crossings).

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37       E. Wang is hoping for a total of 12 videos, or more. C. Teal agreed to do the next  
38       one, as he has editing software and now has the hang of it. B. Long said that coming  
39       up with the interview framework took the longest, and will come up with some  
40       boilerplate language for the next and remaining interviews. Lastly, he noted that the  
41       landlord/renter kits will not be a kit, but people will get to choose products.

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43       **c. Discuss draft energy priorities and roadmap – EcoStrategies**

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45       D. Sachs spoke to the email sent on Saturday, Feb. 20 with the roadmap and survey  
46       and appendices. There are a lot of features and work to unpack over the next week  
47       and months, and there was a lot to digest, therefore E. Wang asked to have a special

48 meeting/workshop to go through, and the 2-page survey summary with the meeting  
49 invite. **March 13, 2021: 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

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51 **5. New Business**

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53 **a. Discuss possible municipal initiatives**

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55 D. Sachs spoke of the information sent out on Saturday, Feb. 20, and there are other  
56 events and information that have come up, like VECAN, and perhaps making  
57 suggestions to the City staff to utilize electric tools like string trimmers like  
58 Montpelier has utilized, electric lawn mowers, etc. With the strategies list, the need  
59 for another special meeting was scheduled. **April 3, 2021 from 8:30 am to 11:30**  
60 **am**

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62 **b. Review CVRPC Resource**

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64 Needing to get back to reviewing the Regional Planning Commission's annual  
65 energy report, there again is a lot of information here, and E. Wang asked to be sure  
66 the report gets posted to the energy committee page of the City website, and will be  
67 discussed at the March 13<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

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69 **Old Business 4a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Energy Committee Meeting**  
70 **January 25, 2021.**

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72 A motion was made by P. Cecchini and seconded by C. Teal to approve the minutes  
73 as presented, *motion carried with E. Wang abstaining.*

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75 **6. Roundtable**

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77 **a. Legislative invite discussion**

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79 C. Teal spoke of the legislative review and goals, and not always meeting them. Need to  
80 express what isn't being met. Committee is interested, but will work on after the Roadmap is  
81 figured out. P. Cecchini spoke of the Button-Up final survey, and the VECAN meeting on  
82 Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at noon, said he would be attending.

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84 **7. Adjourn:** Motion made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

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86 There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference  
87 platform.

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Respectfully submitted

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