1 SPECIAL BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING 2 July 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm 3 Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform 4 5 **Present**: Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini 6 7 Staff: Janet Shatney, Planning Director; Jeff Bergeron, Buildings & Community Services Director 8 9 Visitors: Deb Sachs, EcoStrategies, LLC; Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont; Ward 3 Councilor Samn 10 Stockwell 11 12 1. Call to Order 5:46 pm on the video conference platform ZOOM. 13 14 15 2. Adjustments to the Agenda Moved Old Business Letter C(1) to the beginning of the agenda, and accommodated 16 17 for others. 18 19 3. **Visitors and Communications** (for something not on the agenda) None. 20 21 4. Old Business 22 23 C. 24 **2021 Goals** C1. Landlords/tenants: Council Charge: 25 Councilor Stockwell asked about the committee's progress from the Council's 26 charge, and the committee stated that between the shortage of members that all 27 have full-time jobs, and that the ask by the Council is a heavy lift, it's going to 28 take some time to get something back. Her concern is that tenants pay their 29 heat, the buildings are not efficient, have their windows open and the heat is a 30 big waste. How do we get statistics on ho heat is provided, and what it is. 31 Shatney thought a simple survey to all the landlords would be a great start. 32 33 Discussion on how to get information out of landlords via letter by EVT, and 34 looking at buildings around the city during the winter that are the energy lacking 35 giveaways (icicles, upper floor windows open). 36 37 **Update from Efficiency Vermont:** 1a. 38 39 Long stated the informational letter is ready by him and being vetted by his superiors, then will share with the Committee before sending out. He 40 also stated that the Barre City tenant/landlord initiative is fully underway, 41 and any information to share should continue to be done so. 42 43 Teal will walk the downtown with Long and work with Tracie Lewis, of 44 the Barre Partnership. Need to rethink a better campaign strategy, but the 45 committee must take the lead, not EVT. Long will reach out to Waterbury 46 47 LEAP, their energy committee for some strategic recommendations that could be shared with us. Last, remember the appliance recycling – while 48

49			we cannot advertise it, it is still going on, so do not promote directly, but
50			attempt to chat it up so the word spreads.
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52		1b.	Permit Process and Code Enforcement Presentations:
53			Code Enforcement officers could not be present for meeting, so will be on
54			at a later date. Shatney gave an overview of the permitting process out of
55			the city – 4 types of permits issued, the process by which an application
56			is received and the assistance given.
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58	В.	Municipa	d Operations Discussion with Director Jeff Bergeron:
59		_	n on upgrades to Alumni Hall and City Hall heating systems occurred, and
60			ation of 4 new heat pumps this fall. The BOR will need multiple upgrades
61			ating and lights, motors on the compressors, as it was never intended to be
62			rink when it was constructed. And, the Wheelock Building on N. Main
63			no insulation. Wang asked that Bergeron be invited to come give the
64			e an update every 3 months.
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66	C.	2021 Goa	ls, continued
67			nmunity Engagement Roadmap Update:
68			as noted that the roadmap has been worked on, and created a list of priorities
69			it, looking the details how they were broken down. Priority is to finish
70			roadmap. Also noted perhaps with ARPA funds, some of the priorities
71			d be attended to.
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73		C2. Set s	special heat pump initiative and priority meeting:
74			rday, July 17 th , 2021 at 8:30 am hybrid meeting. Shatney will send agenda
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77		C3. Myl	Ride pilot update:
78			ag received a response from Jamie Smith of GMT. They are working on a
79			ria report to include all the towns, but still hopes that Barre City is the
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84		4a.	Contact list divvying:
85		74.	Will be added to the July 17, 2021 special meeting agenda.
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87		4b.	Energy Champion interview updates:
88		TD.	Teal agreed to interview Bob Nelson of Ace Hardware, and Cecchini agreed
89			to interview Long.
90			to interview Long.
91		C6 Con	ncil Presentation Report-out:
92			said the presentation he gave went well, Palmer was present and had a bit to
93			and she said her goodbyes at the Council meeting. Council approved the goals
94			action steps as presented by Teal.
94 95		and	action steps as presented by real.
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96		A. Approval of May 24, 2021 minutes:				
97		Will be on the July 26, 2021 agenda, as it was not attended to.				
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99	5.	New Business:				
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101		A. Reappointments:				
102		Both Wang and Teal agreed for reappointment of another 2-year term each.				
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104		B. Election of Officers:				
105		Cecchini nominated Teal for Chair, who declined. Cecchini then nominated Wang				
106		Chair, who accepted; Teal seconded, motion carried.				
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108		Cecchini nominated Teal as Vice Chair, who accepted. Wang seconded, motion				
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111		Cecchini nominated Shatney as Secretary, who accepted. Wang seconded, motion				
112		carried.				
113	6	Roundtable:				
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115		Cecchini acknowledged Wang as being very stretched due to work as Barre Town's Assistant Town Manager, attending college, and involvement in various municipal				
116		activities, and activities important to her personally. He also stated he is very busy at				
117 118		Capstone, as well as his membership on the CVFiber board as Treasurer elect.				
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120	7	Adjourn:				
121	/.	Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm by Cecchini, seconded by Teal, adjourned.				
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123	There	There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference				
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126		Respectfully submitted				
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128		Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director				