

REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 8:30 am

Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform

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

Committee members absent: None

Visitors: Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont; Deb Sachs, EcoStrategies, LLC

1. **Call to Order:** 8:32 a.m. on the video conference platform ZOOM.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Visitors and Communications** (*for something not on the agenda*): None.
4. **Old Business:**

a. Barre City Energy Survey Results

E. Wang asked if everyone had a chance to review the information by D. Sachs, and everyone but R. Palmer did. Discussion ensued regarding how to look at it, what it means, the energy performance targets. It was soon discovered that not just the energy committee could accomplish the goals they've set out to do. R. Palmer stated that her view was that we can make suggestions and research items that are based on conserving energy, but the community engagement piece needs to be there. Energy relationships were discussed; energy barriers; committee and potential sub-committee work; and C. Teal suggested focusing on just one or 2 items out of it all.

E. Wang stated that energy efficiency can change in terms of climate impacts with new technology, and all these things, like feasibility and cost is important. Of the items discussed, she felt that climate impact, would be the least likely to change.

It was decided that by the next meeting on Monday night, to have 3 items picked that each member wants to do next. And, another special meeting was discussed to continue this, and it was agreed to schedule another special meeting for Saturday April 17th at 8:30 to 11 am.

Discussion on what to put on the city website occurred. Ideas and desires need to get to J. Shatney so that she can modify the webpage. Listing businesses that aid in energy efficiency can be listed as well.

b. CVRPC Annual Energy Report for Barre City: deferred to a different meeting.

5. **New Business:** None.
6. **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director