

REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:30 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:** 5:39 p.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. Committee Priorities from Draft Roadmap:

Each member went through their top 3 items that included transportation with biking as a primary interest; Micro-Transit (on demand bussing); energy efficiency; solar; heat pumps; EV charging stations. It was decided that the top 3 that the committee would focus on would be 1) Mirco-Transit; 2) heat pumps; and 3) Marketing campaign that would help with energy champion series and keeping the website up to date.

D. Sachs said she would send a summary and list of the carbon impacts in a table, as well as the contacts. Mayor Herring joined the meeting, and asked what he could do to assist the committee. The response was aiding in more members, and agreed that it would be anywhere between 5 and 7. The April 3 special meeting [**now April 10**] will be about the workplan priorities.

b. Discuss EVT municipal grant:

B. Long stated he did not have any written report from Mr. Tim Perrin, who performed a walk-around with Director of Facilities Bergeron and Director of Public Works Ahearn, and that many ideas for improvements were given verbally. E. Wang asked if he could get a list from Mr. Perrin, that would help. Discussion on a Vortex water treatment system for the ice rink was brought up, and needed to be forwarded to Mr. Bergeron, so that planning could occur for the current system's end of life work.

c. Discuss next champion interview:

The question posed was is Fred Pond our next follow-up, and who would be performing the interview. C. Teal also suggested interviewing Ceres Greens. E Wang asked if

48 someone else wanted to perform the interview as C. Teal had done the previous. He
49 agreed to do this one, and E. Wang stated she had made previous contact with folks about
50 their new heat pumps, so she would make contact again.
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52 **d. EVT Update:**
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54 B. Long had 2 small updates – he has been invited to speak at the Barre Housing Forum
55 by Councilor Jake Hemmerick on May 19th at 6:30 pm. And, the municipal bonus, that
56 he and J. Shatney were working on something, so updated the committee as to where we
57 were at.
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59 He had an announcement that there was some action on the landlord/tenant campaign.
60 The EVT Barre City page will be refreshed to add renters for products that they can
61 access. There are product maximums and terms, and rental property owners will have
62 their own products to choose from. So, the page will cover Barre City tenants only, but
63 landlord’s information will be statewide, not specific to Barre City.
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65 He reminded us that home energy visits are still free and virtual. E. Wang asked him to
66 provide calendar invites for the landlord tool so that the committee could post on FPF.
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68 **e. Discuss VCRD Community Visit Re-Start:**
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70 VCRD (Vermont Council on Rural Development) has restarted the Better Barre
71 campaign, of which J. Shatney is a part of as a city staff member, and E. Wang was
72 invited to from her role as the BCEC chair. The meeting is slated for July 20th from 6 to
73 7 pm.
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75 **5. New Business:** None.
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77 **6. Roundtable**
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79 E. Wang wanted to bring awareness to the Atlanta incident regarding an Asian elderly
80 woman who was beaten, and that there have been numerous hate incidents among the Asian
81 population – Black Lives Matter, and please check on everyone to be sure they are okay.
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83 **7. Adjourn:** Motion made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.
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85 There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference
86 platform.
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88 Respectfully submitted

89 Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director
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