

## Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

BCRC Office

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 7 pm

Members attending: Wendy Sharkey, Bruce Lierman, Jeannie Jenkins, Nancy Thompson, Deanna Oakes.

Four members of the public attended.

Wendy Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Minutes of the December 17 meeting were reviewed. Bruce moved to accept the minutes; Deanna seconded. The minutes were approved with one abstention (for absence).

Wendy reviewed the evening's agenda. The committee discussed how best to do the task. The committee went through the focus list and divided the list into buckets of potential committee work, select board work, and partner/others work. Discussion was held as to how some tasks might best be accomplished.

Comments from the public were solicited. A question was raised as to how to encourage people to use the initiatives (such as pellet fuels) being promoted. Points were made about different audiences, and about the distinction between education regarding the need for changes and education regarding what's available as alternatives.

Another question was raised about charging stations for cars. Discussion on the town's charging stations ensued, including the possibility of requesting more charging stations and considering where more charging stations are needed. Discussion was held regarding the benefits of bike lanes and the need for more bike lanes to ensure safety. The need to prompt the town to expand the number of charging stations was stressed.

The next meeting will be February 18 at 7 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.