

## Bennington Energy Committee

Minutes, August 18, 2020

Present: Michael Kuser, Wendy Sharkey, Deanna Oakes, Jeannie Jenkins, Marsh Hudson-Knapp, Madison Kremer, Allison Strohl

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10 at 7 pm over zoom** (*note that meeting is moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month*)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Jeannie took notes as the Secretary was absent.

Review of July Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously. Jeannie moved, Wendy seconded.

### Button Up Campaign:

The group decided to take part in the fall campaign

**Action:** Michael will sign us up and provide further information.

### Efficiency Vermont Incentives:

Incentives have been extended through the end of the year. Shires does a food drop at Applegate on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. We could include appropriate incentives as a handout.

**Action:** Michael will connect with Bruce to get list and send to Deanna and Jeannie

**Action:** Deanna and Jeannie will create list of incentives for renters to include at food drop on 9/3

### Priority Recommendations:

Michael provided a draft list of recommendations. As they are in draft form, they are not included in the minutes but are being circulated among the group.

**Action:** Research on EV and hybrid police vehicles – Marsh

**Action:** Town Building Ordinance – Wendy in collaboration with Paul Dansereau

**Action:** Energy Coordinator – Madison to invite Brattleboro Sustainability Coord to next meeting to explore whether this is a recommendation we want to make

**Action:** Explore stronger partnership with BROOC on weatherization – Jeannie

**Action:** Regular op-eds from Energy Committees in Benn Banner to keep energy issues in forefront -Allison will connect on this with other committees

**Action:** Explore the idea of a mentoring program for those both interested in adopting new technologies and those needing assistance in navigating the process – Marsh will reach out to Climate Advocates to determine their interest in providing this

**Action:** Explore relationship between Planning Commission, DRB and Energy Committee – Jeannie

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Jeannie moved, Wendy seconded.