

Bennington Energy Committee

Minutes of Wednesday, Sept 1, 2021 - Zoom

Those Present: William Karis, Bruce Lee Clark, Bruce Lierman, Deanna Oakes, Bill Christian, Michael Kuser, Marsh Hudson Knapp

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by those present.
2. Discussion on compost at multifamily residences
 - a. Marsh recommends inviting Michael Vatcher of BCRC to next meeting
3. Reviewing recommendations of Energy Section of Town Plan
 - a. To help publicize work cooperate with other energy committees (North Bennington/Shafsbury) and connect with local publishing
 - b. Work with realtors & building material suppliers to distribute energy efficiency info
4. A letter has been received from the Bennington Housing authority related to collaboration with the Energy Committee. Al Bashevkin will review the letter and contact the Housing Authority.
5. Michael Kuser has been investigating the Vermont Energy Action Network Atlas dashboard as a tool for evaluating our progress on energy goals and the work of other communities.
6. EV infrastructure
 - a. Chargers back online by town office
 - b. Other possible locations – hospital, schools, rec center, N Bennington Depot, 4 Corners
 - c. Low income residents EV car share opportunity – similar to that of program in West Lebanon NH
 - d. Try to retrieve Charge Point data of existing EVSE
7. Town Energy Coordinator
 - a. Inquire with Brattleboro to understand their experience with the role
8. Discussed ways to expand uptake of low income weatherization programs
9. Motion to adjourn (BL/DO).