

Minutes from BENNINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022

Bennington Fire Dept Multi-Purpose Rm, 3rd Floor, 130 River St,

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

In Attendance: **William Karis (Chair), Richard Dundas (Guest), Bruce Lee Clark (Member), Al Bashevkin (Member), Bruce Lierman (Member), Bill Christian (Member), Madison Kremer (Guest)**

- Review minutes from Jan 5th meeting
  - Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM. Minutes Approved
- EV charging and EV car-share opportunity/ updates
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  - Annie Bourdon, Executive Director, CarshareVT said that her organization provides car sharing in Burlington. Bruce L was in touch with her. They do not have all EV vehicles in their fleet. Burlington has pick-ups, a Prius, and other cars available. Car Share VT provides the technology and back room work to help build the organization, but they do not participate on a day to day basis. Not sure whether this program is fundable through EV charging. It was suggested that Annie come to one of our meetings, and he will contact her.
  - Bruce did some digging into charging stations data...To see his results, go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SP6DRvFhkltBW9707-L5vmNozyl5GBpX69CITKf5QyY/edit?usp=sharing>
  - *Using the data provided by Mark Sawyer at Buildings and Grounds, the two town-owned charging stations saw 283 hours of use by 26 unique customers in 93 charging events in the month of December. It appears the charging stations are being used by both local and out-of-town drivers, for both short-term and long term charging. More analysis will be done in subsequent months to determine usage patterns that may inform EV station planning.*
  - Shires is looking into EV charging stations that can work with their housing.
- Town Energy Coordinator – pitch to Select Board and position description
  - To get into the select board's packet, information needs to be sent to Beth Antognioni through Bill by February 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Stephanie Dotson, Brattleboro Sustainability Coordinator, is willing to speak to the Town and Select Board at a later date regarding how that position has helped Brattleboro
  - A comprehensive discussion on a fifteen minute presentation to the Select Board at their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting took place
- Public comment
  - Bill Karis reported that Old Bennington's Zoning by laws limits solar installation for esthetic reasons. They are considering repealing the laws that limit solar installation. These laws are not in compliance with State Laws regarding solar installations.
  - Motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Motion passed.
- Next meeting, March 2nd, 2022 at 7 PM