

## BENNINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Bennington Fire Dept Multi-Purpose Rm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 130 River St, Bennington**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

### MINUTES

**Those Present: Bill Karis, Bruce Lee-Clark, Bill Christian, Bruce Lierman, Deanna Oakes, Callie Fishburn, Dick Dundas**

Meeting called to Order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

- Review minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – BL & BLC - passed
- Report out on BCRC Energy Committee Meetings
  - Identified action items
    - Connect with our partners that conduct low-income weatherization
    - AI B posting outreach for Heatsquad
    - EC Strategic thinking & filling out action Matrix to ID gaps
  - BCRC's Energy Coordinator does not have time for direct outreach to residents/landlords/business
    - AND *may* be refocusing efforts on H518 from general plan implementation funding
  - Will be coordinating with municipal resources Paul Dansereau/Mark Sawyer/Dan Monks/Jonah Spivak to make outreach to residents/landlords through permitting & real estate
    - Town also needs to provide energy baselines and current consumption. BLC will connect Melissa Currier and the Chair.
  - Energy Coordinator would be duplicative within the Town & adding this position would not add sufficient value to Town
  - Next steps to up meeting with Jonah to discuss outreach opportunities assigned to the PR subcommittee.
  - EVT Community Engagement Lead for SVT is leaving her position.
- EV charging and EV car-share opportunity/updates
  - BCRC & Shires submitted grant application for multifamily charging
    - Dual port charging @ Cora B Whitney
    - Dual port charging in Arlington
  - EV Show @ Dorset Green in April 24<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 1pm
  - Bruce Lierman will reconnect with CarShare VT
- Data Subcommittee Update
  - Bruce Lee-Clark will reconnect with Melissa Currier (see above)

- VT Energy Atlas lists renewables but not total energy consumption
- PR Subcommittee Update
  - EVT post cards via Becca White to Callie Fishburn
  - Next steps to up meeting with Jonah to discuss outreach opportunities on the Town's social media and with CAT-TV.
- Community Energy Coordinator Subcommittee Update
  - See "Report out on BCRC Energy Committee Meetings"
- Action Items Action Plan Matrix
  - See updated Matrix (attached)
- Public comment
  - Bruce Lierman – Window Dressers – focused on serving Low Income households and signing these customers up early in the season
  - Sadly, Michael Kuser has resigned from his post as Vice Chair of the Energy Committee.
  - Deanna Oakes will be heading off to college in August and will be leaving when her term is up in June.
- Confirm agenda for first Wednesday of month, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.
  - Work will continue on the Matrix starting at #5. Members are encouraged to work on their ideas for working on the Action Plan matrix.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.