



**TOWN OF BRISTOL  
ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:00 PM  
Holley Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Energy Committee  
Members**

Ian Albinson, Chair  
Sally Burrell  
Richard Butz  
David Cobb  
Michael Corey  
Liston Freeman  
John McCormick

Energy Committee Members present: Sally Burrell, Richard Butz, Mike Corey, Liston Freeman, John McCormick.

Others present: NEAT

**I. Call to order: 7:10 PM**

**II. Added Agenda Items**

**Liston's offer to conduct audits on Municipal Buildings**

- Suggested buildings are the Library, Howden Hall and, possibility, Holley Hall?
- We'll ask Ian, our chairperson, to get permission from the Town Manager to do the audits and get utility data.
- Committee volunteers will assist Liston as needed.
- We will ask Efficiency VT for advice.

**Role of Energy Committee and members place in it.**

- Richard presented a brief paper dealing with our mission and the kinds of materials we use to help inform us and make recommendations. (see below)
- John suggested that we bring in speakers to inform the public regarding climate change and its impacts.
- Liston suggested we construct a mission statement with examples, such as the gas pipeline issue. Richard will pursue this.
- Mike asked how do we communicate with the Selectboard? How do we serve? This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Sally noted that the energy committee's purpose is to promote conservation, efficiency and renewable energy for a safe and resilient energy future.

**III. New business**

**Transportation Climate Initiative**

- John discussed electrification of The transportation sector as a prime way to reduce carbon
- The Bristol Energy Committee/Starksboro Energy Committees can be catalyst in urging/supporting Governor Scott to enter into an agreement with 9 other northeastern states in the Transportation and Climate Initiative, to establish a cap and trade program for transportation fuels similar to RGGI's CO2 Cap on electric generation fuels.



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- Income generated from TCI could be used to offset costs of moving to electric public transit vehicles and supporting rebates to lower and middle income Vermonters to buy electric vehicles.
- The transportation sector generates 43% of the carbon dioxide in Vermont.
- John has drafted a supporting letter to Governor Scott regarding the TCI initiative for us to review when the two committees meet together on March 6.

### **DIY Weatherization Challenge**

- Sally presented her collaboration with Matt Sharp, Bristol Weatherization Challenge (below)
- This could be an inter-town competition or quadrants of Bristol.
- Richard suggested a Flash Competition, keeping it simple and within the time limit.
- Liston suggested an icicle competition as a fun part of it.
- A local hardware store could sponsor/host a weatherization workshop or EVT could conduct the workshop. Prizes such as free dinners at local restaurants could be sought. Current deadline for rebates is April 1. Matt will see if it can be extended.
- Sally will work on a plan to move forward with this.

**Student participation on the Energy Committee** – The committee discussed recruiting a high school student to serve on the BEC and will pursue this with the high school administration. Specifics will be added to the March 20, agenda.

### **IV. Current business**

**Button-up Hero Program** – Sally is calling participants to check in and will update the list. Other committee members can participate in the calls if there are people we know on the list or are willing to call.

**EV Supply Equipment Grant Program** – We missed the last deadline because of the complexity of the application process. Mike is going to look into what information was gleaned during the first round and try to pick it up from there. He will consult with Ian.

### **V. Approval of minutes from last meeting January 16, 2019**

#### **VI. Next Meetings**

March 6, 2019 – Joint meeting with Starksboro Energy Committee  
March 20, 2019 – Lawrence Memorial Library

### **VII. Adjourn**

#### **Voting Members**

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