



Energy Committee Members

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**TOWN OF BRISTOL
ENERGY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:00 PM
Holley Hall**

MINUTES

Energy Committee Members present: Ian Albinson, Sally Burrell, Richard Butz, Liston Freeman, John McCormick.
Guests: Stephen Taylor. Others present: NEAT

I. Call to order: 7:10 PM

II. New business

BEC member interview: Stephen Taylor

- Experience in low income weatherization through CVOEO
- Then focused on residential electrical audits for CVPS
- Then ran the Statewide school energy program
- Grant funded research on kiln drying energy use.
- Designed and built solar lumber drying kilns
- Inspired by Greta Thunberg
- Wants to engage people in efficiency
- Committee encouraged him to fill out the town Volunteer Form and Sally will request that the Selectboard interview him.

III. Current business

Green Up Day expo event

- Ian and Sally have been setting up participants
- “Keep Bristol Beautiful” plastics campaign with students, Linda Andrews
- Electric bike demo
- Sun Common confirmed with bouncy house, electric vehicles, solar panels and Power Wall and maybe Bee the Change
- Bike tuning (Stephen Taylor)
- Almost Home and Juice Amour food vendors
- New Leaf Farm CSA
- Rain Barrels
- Electric lawn mower display
- Milkweeds
- BEC table + recycling info
- Conservation Commission table
- Bristol Core table

Role of Energy Committee

- Relationship with the Select Board has been project based.
- There needs to be an exchange when issues related to energy arise.



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- Energy Committee would like to update the Select Board regarding our activities and concerns bi-monthly (liaison?)

Town Energy Audit

- We will turn the Municipal Energy Plan questions into an energy survey of town facilities and equipment. (Richard will construct a draft)
- Determine which municipal buildings are energy inefficient: Ian has one year's worth of utility data for all buildings. Need to put together profiles of energy costs and history of recent upgrades for each building.
- Ian will put together fuel use figures and talk to Jen re: square foot figures.

Library Reserve Shelf

- Ian reported that we now have a reserve shelf for energy materials in the library
- Refrigeration, Drawdown, Efficiency Vermont and others will be provided.
- Ian made a Kilowatt meter available for loan.

Button-up Hero Program / DIY Weatherization Challenge

- Responses to program have been very positive
- Silver Maple Construction business plan has changed so they are no longer engaged in home weatherization.
- Our role in 2018 program is winding down.
- Weatherization Legislation - John is proposing that we write a letter to the governor regarding fee/gallon, urging him to support H.439. He will ask Fred Baser to deliver it to the Governor.
- Ian moved that John write the letter, seconded and passed.

EV Supply Equipment Grant Program

- Ian presented the charging station proposal to the Select Board, which approved moving forward with the grant application.
- Total project cost is \$18,000, Bristol match is \$1900 (in-kind option).
- Quote came from Cummins Electric Co.
- Ian will complete application
- Charging fee will be \$1.00/hr
- Committee thanks Ian for a very time consuming and professional job.

Role of Energy Committee

- John reported that there is little progress so far in involving the schools in energy issues. However, there are several organizations in the high school that are environmentally focused so we will try to work with them. Energy Action Group's advisor is Caroline Petrie. MASA is Mt Abe Student Activists.
- We will partner with Bristol Core's effort to encourage student engagement on Energy Committee and Conservation Commission.

Performance Contracting Support Letter

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- Ian to submit to Selectboard.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting March 20, 2019

V. Next Meetings

May 15, 2019 – Holley Hall

VI. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Butz, Secretary