

Bristol Energy Committee
September 18, Meeting Notes

Present: Sally Burrell, Stephen Taylor, Lance LaLiberte, Richard Butz

Meeting began at 7:00pm

1. Window Dressers Pilot (Stephen)

- Program features low cost interior mounted storm windows that will be made available to Bristol residents
- Team is learning how to measure so the specs can be sent to Window Dressers so the kits can be made up.
- There are two orders so far
- Actual construction of the windows from the kits and installation will be in January 2020.
- Looking forward to the Harvest Festival to display and interest Bristolites in learning more.

2. Harvest Festival

- Meet at 9:00am
- Feature Windows Dressers and Button-up Campaign
- Richard will construct a table model storm window for display
- Sally will bring her tent
- Sally's going to check with Matt re: this year's Button-up focus

3. Step Up to Button Up Workshop

- Thursday, November 14, 6:30 - ?
- *Energy Cost Savings in Brief* with Matt Sharpe
- 20 minutes
- 2 minute testimonials
- Incentives: check on free meal donations
- Efficiency VT Staff will conduct the home Walk-Throughs
- Post signs 5 days in advance
- Advertise on FPF

- More specifics next meeting

4. TCI - Transportation Climate Initiative

- Richard and John attended a TCI Stakeholders meeting at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.
- The program would begin to assess a price premium on transportation fuels that would increase over time to influence drivers to invest in more efficient or electric vehicles. Revenue (in the millions) would come back to Vermont to invest in electrification of the fleet including buses and cars, and in public transportation infrastructure and more.
- 11 Northeastern States are negotiating regarding what's known as *Transportation Cap and Invest* program similar to RGGI that is now in its 10th year. The negotiators have one year from December 2018 to unveil policies and send them back to the states for review. It is expected that this program would begin in 2020. Concept would provide mechanisms to protect low income and rural drivers from economic strain when purchasing gasoline or diesel fuels. John collaborated with Kate Logan of *Rights and Democracy* on strategy and a joint statement that John characterizes as Cap and Invest in *Transportation Mobility Options*.
 - We are working to invite Republican Legislators to sign on (The Governor is on board as is the Republican governor of Mass.)
 - Richard described use of hydrogen and fuel cells as electricity storage options and John Moved that we urge GMP to explore solar/hydrogen option.

5. GMP's EV Charger offer

- We missed the deadline because we haven't found a suitable site/sponsor.
- Need to know specifics. Sally will call Spence Putnam for more information.

6. Student Participation

- We'll invite the advisor to the Mount Abraham High School environmental club to attend our next meeting to explore option for student input and possible membership on the Committee.

7. Next Meeting October 16, at 7:00pm, in Holley Hall Meeting Room