

Bristol Energy Committee 10/16/19 Meeting Notes

Meeting opened at 7:06

Present: Sally Burrell, Stephen Taylor , John McCormick, Richard Butz

1 Window Dressers Pilot (Inexpensive interior storm windows) (Update from Stephen)

- 7 sign-ups to date, all measured
- 4 more homes to visit
- Next Steps
- Continue to seek candidates for installation until deadline
- When measuring Stephen seeks information regarding other energy needs homeowners may have and invites them to Button-up
- We need to look for cardboard- bicycle boxes to be used to protect windows when transporting and when homeowners are storing them.
- Order goes in November 6
- Committee members and homeowners who are able will construct and install the windows after the first of the year.

2 Button Up Workshop: November 14 @ 6:30 - 8:00 Holley Hall: *Energy Cost Savings with Matt Sharpe*

Promotion

- FPF, Button-up lawn signs(RAB), Banks?(Sally)

Incentives

- Food gift certs, massage cert

Planning and schedule

- Cookies and Cider (RAB)
- Bring recyclable plastic cups
- Bring Storm Window Display (RAB)

3 EV Charger Offer from GMP

Update from Sally (See below)*

4 Student Participation in BEC

Advisor: Teresa Smith, High School Environmental Action Group

- Goals: bring a fresh perspective to the committee and channel information relating to energy issues back to the schools. It's their future.

5 Bristol's Enhanced Energy Plan Approval Process

- Plan has been significantly altered from version last seen by representatives of the energy committee.
- Sections relating to sustainability and efficiency have been either eliminated or weakened.
- Committee needs to remind the planning Commission and Select Board that it is our responsibility to advise regarding reaching Vermont's goals of 90% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050 and that any energy plan should reflect those goals.
- Committee prefers that a representative(s) from the Energy Committee and ACRPC, have representatives in the room for a final review before the plan is submitted to the Select Board. (RAB will talk to Kevin Behm for advice.)

6 **Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI)**

Update from John:

- John communicated with Senator Ash regarding TCI, and learned that he is on board.
- Suggests a number of options: debit card for low income; needs to be bi-partisan (Senator Joe Benning may be a key.), John will contact Northern VT University to see if environmental students would talk to Senator Benning.
- Use RPC's as filters for ideas regarding awarding funding to projects because they are connected to their communities.

.....
EV Charger Offer from GMP

*Key points of EV Offer: Rt 116 in Bristol is a key ½ way point for many commuters and tourists. Rt 17 also draws East West traffic through Bristol. An hour or two on a Level 2 charger gives people time to shop and eat in town.

One type of charger doesn't accept payment and may cost \$10-20/mo. \$30-50 heavy use.

Needs 240 volts and 32 amps.

There is also a charger for a commercial locations with an app (EV Match) that charges \$10/month fee to process payment. Drivers sign up for app and pay amount set by host, (i.e \$1/hr). EV Match sends money back to host, minus the \$10 fee.

The business district would benefit from EV customers. Would Bristol CORE be willing to help sponsor? Bristol Financial as a sponsor? Individual store owners? EV sites to explore: revisit Bristol Beverage, yellow building next to Art on Main, schools, Shaw's? Where else?

Reduce installation cost with "in house" electrician?

Next meeting: November 21, at 7:00pm at Holley Hall Conference Room