

Bristol Energy Committee

1/15/2020 Meeting Notes

Present: Mike Corey, Stephen Taylor, Lance Laliberte, John McCormick, Sally Burrell, Richard Butz

1. Window Assembly - Stephen

- A. Stephen attended another event to learn the process and will train key leaders on the 29th, who will act as forepersons.
 - We will also be setting up on Thursday evening, 1/29
 - Stephen has set up an online sign-up for workers
- B. Workshop schedule 1/31-2/2, Friday and Saturday all day and Sunday morning.
- C. Additional support needs: may need additional lighting
 - Will need assistance and a van on Sunday to transport set-ups
- 4. What kind of follow-up? Questionnaire? Thermal Imaging of participant's homes? Will decide after talking to participants.

2. Net Metering Credits for the Town: Green Lantern 116 South array status - Sally

- 150Kw Solar array is being constructed and it could cover cost of electricity for the Fire Station, Holley Hall, Garage, and Water Pumping Station, if town enters into a net-metering agreement.
- Sally spoke with Town Administrator, Valerie Capels, who urged her to have us gather information to present to the Select Board.

3. Transportation Climate Initiative - John

- John spoke about the current status of the TCI MOU
- Negotiations within and between the states will produce a final MOU sometime in the spring.
- It is important that we contact Governor Scott to urge him to support the program.
- John is working with Chris Bray to contact key senators or both parties to gain support for the *Climate Solutions Act*.

4. Other legislative news - Richard

- Richard spoke about the work of the Climate Coalition, a group of NGO's that is educating and advocating for responsible policies to reduce carbon emissions in Vermont - (this dovetails with John's report on TCI.) The legislation is a series of bills that fall under the title of the *Climate Solutions Act*.

- The act centers on four key points:
 - Accountability, making climate goals mandatory within a timeframe
 - 100% renewable electricity by 2030 (GMP supports this goal)
 - Electrification and Efficiency, convert to electric and advanced wood heating, electric transportation modes, efficiency, weatherization, modernize the grid and more.
 - Cap and Invest, following in the steps of RGGi, gradually cap transportation fuels with a surcharge and use the money that comes back (millions) to support the goals and reduce the impact on low Income Vermonters.

5. **STEM Fair** - Richard

- A. **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** fair is being planned for April 1, from 5:30 - 7:00 at the elementary school.
- This is a collaboration between The ECHO Leahy Center, (represented by Barry Lampke) and Bristol Elementary School, (represented by Annsunee Swift, the math coordinator), and assisted by the Bristol Recreation Department, The HUB and the Bristol Energy Committee.
 - The event will give Bristol school students, particularly elementary, a chance to experience all kinds of educational and fun activities related to STEM.
 - The energy Committee has discussed setting up “tables” around weatherization, STEM activities sponsored by Collins Aerospace (represented by Lance Laliberte) and others to be determined at the next meeting on February 19.

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