

Bristol Energy Committee, March 18, 2020, Draft Minutes

A. Landfill Community Solar Presentation by Acorn Renewable Cooperative - see Town Website for PDF and NEAT video.

Discussion after presentation - Acorn, BEC and Aegis Renewable Energy

1. ACORN board members are volunteers except one part time admin coordinator.
2. VT allows 2 solar projects per household. 1 roof + 1 net-metering
3. Promotion: BEC publicize, send letter via Town clerk to all residents?, detailed document made available, public presentations given for "B" investors.
4. "A" investors need to be identified first - \$50,000 "lead" investor plus others.
5. Landfill site ready, no view from homes or roads, brownfield permitting, 3-phase near-ish.
6. The savings will be attractive for "B" investors Tax credits and depreciation attractive for "A"
7. \$ stays local. Co-op model and scale keeps cost down for "B" subscribers.
8. Timing: CPG at least 6 weeks prep, green light by May 1st for 2020 construction.
9. Tasks: BEC on March 30 select board agenda, ACORN lease terms clarified.
10. Finding "A" investors: word of mouth, 1 on 1 conversations, "meet and greets" to quote \$.

B. Schedule changes: April STEM cancelled. May Day Expo on hold.

C. Window Dressers task groups: Stephen, point person; Carl, outreach (inc churches, library); Richard, volunteer coordinator; Sally, measuring team coordinator. Compile testimony - a paragraph including experience and satisfaction with inserts, possible photos, willingness for publication. Post testimony to the website and check with Ian about editing our own website.

D. Legislative Update: Energy and Climate is stalled as Covid 19 picks up. Difficult to meet. Tim Ashe focusing on TCI. VT could be hurt financially if MA and NY sign on and VT doesn't.