

Bristol Energy Committee Minutes

7/15/20 zoom meeting 7:00 pm

1. Efficiency Vermont Summer Incentives (sent by Matt) - Vermonters with moderate income can get a rebate equal to 75% of a weatherization project with a cost of up to \$5500 and may finance it at 0%.

Expires 8/31 or until funds are exhausted.

Call Efficiency Vermont to learn more since it may not be posted on the website yet.

2. Button Up 2020 Plans - Share Becca's "Weatherization Wednesdays," 20 minutes at noon, on FPF.

Share the new fall incentives for home weatherization projects starting in Sept. Regional Planning will be more involved in Button Up this year and we'll coordinate with Andrew regarding presenters.

Consider sharing Bob Donniss' weatherization testimony as well as others. Virtual Home Energy Visits start in Jan. 2021

Legislative side notes: The Transportation Climate Initiative is in limbo and Tim Ashe will bring it back in August. Gov. Scott signed a compact with northeast states and CA to incentivise electrifying large trucks and busses with a goal of 100% by 2050. Chris Bray did good work on the Global Warming Solutions Act, including making the litigation piece less apt to happen.

Local News: Champlain Valley Climate and Renewable Energy Guide is being put together by the Climate and Energy Action Center (CEAC) and Acorn Energy Co-op. The guide is geared toward purveyors of products.

3. Window Dressers Update - not happening this year.

4. Think Resilience, on-line course by Post Carbon Institute - offers many informative videos on the history of energy up to the present and considers ways to change course. Share with the community fall/winter. How do we engage people in this critical issue? Post more items of interest including the Sierra Club webinars. Richard will post Sierra Club links.

5. VBike is a nonprofit dedicated to shifting bike culture in Vermont towards a more inclusive and transportation-oriented future. Founder, Dan Cohen, offers free consultations and promotes innovations and solutions, including [electric-assist technology](#) and [cargo bikes](#), which profoundly expand the range, carrying capacity, hill climbing ease, comfort and overall utility of biking. VBike's aim is to make the bicycle more relevant and affordable for Vermonters and to encourage healthy bodies, local living and vibrant communities. Post the webinar on FPF and the BEC webpage.

This year has revealed the need for a comprehensive package for transportation, climate, healthcare, sustainable jobs, social justice, racial equity, etc, which can be addressed with a resilient economy, a worker owned economy. The breakdown of 2020 was needed. There are new opportunities now.

6. Electric Landscaping - Bear Mountain Mowing is a local all electric landscaping company. Ideas: research the possibilities of electric mowing for the municipality, businesses and residents for reducing cost, emissions and noise; encourage mowing less often which creates more available pollinator forage; each work on a report to post on the website; invite an electric equipment presenter to a BEC meeting; encourage sharing an e-mower or subscribing to an e-lawn service.