

## **BEC 8/19/20 draft minutes**

**1. Weatherization Testimonies:** local residents shared their process, comfort, savings and overall experience. Projects included insulating basements and attics, low cost weatherstripping doors and windows, indoor clear plastic or inserts for windows, closing off rooms and more. Comforts realized are warmer floors; less drafts; quieter home with less furnace, AC, humidifier and fan noise; lower heating and cooling costs for everyone. See the NEATV video recording of the meeting, at 2 - 10 minutes, to hear the 8 testimonies.

**2. Brad Long**, community engagement manager at Efficiency VT, gave a **clear and informative presentation** covering “who can help”, step by step weatherization, heat pumps/water heaters, advanced wood heat, smart thermostats, Do-It-Yourself: simple tips, financing your project, other resources, and new construction. See presentation on NEATV. Q&A Choosing efficiency products? Use “marketplace” on EVT website to research products and call EVT for more help if needed. Weatherization seems overwhelming When and how do I start? Stephen suggests taking the first step: getting educated and calling EVT. That will get you into the process of discovering what’s needed and who may be able to help.

**3. Plan for reaching out to residents regarding energy related projects and savings.** Carl suggests a media blitz including social media and Adison Independent. For now, share the high EVT incentives for middle and low income households along with GMP’s rebates. During the fall Button Up will guide the process and have content to share on FPF (Sally), webpage and facebook (Carl).

**4. Other notes:** Bob Walker will pick up the Window Dressers jigs and materials from Stephen’s storage area and store them in Thetford after using them for making community school inserts. Carl found out from Coco that the library already has storms on all the windows, inside up top and outside below.