

Bristol Energy Committee Minutes

April 21, 2021

1. Bristol Community Solar is 25% reserved so far. It offers cost savings and cleaner energy. We hope more in the community will take advantage of these benefits. Bristol residents and businesses are encouraged to reach out to neighbors who are signed up to gain info on why they are choosing to join the array. If interested please contact Sally Burrell or go to: acornenergycoop.com

2. The Mow Electric website is now live at mowelectric.org and offers many resources and ways to be involved. A few are [E-Equipment Comparisons](#) for brands and models with run time/lawn size, deck size, weight, price, etc; [Utility incentives](#); [Savings and CO2 Impact Calculators](#); [Demos](#); [Contractors](#); [Testimonials](#); [Vendor Directory](#); [Cooperative Ownership](#). Martin's Hardware sells electric mowers.

3. Window Dressers will not have a workshop in Bristol this year. Not enough coordinators signed up to make it feasible. A couple energy committee members may assist another VT town with their workshop this fall.

4. Truck Share - Richard recently contacted the Car Share program in Vermont to inquire about Bristol having a truck available for residents to rent. Richard has kept a van for occasional needs and realizes that many residents may also have cargo vehicles for occasional use or to cover all their needs. It would save money and resources to have a lender available rather than many cargo vehicles on the road.

5. EV Charging - After failed attempts the past three years we're working again on applying for grants for installing at least two level 2 chargers on West Street by the Bristol Green. We are also interested in a DC Fast Charger if we can find the funding, which is significantly more than for level 2. Chris Cadwell and Nathaniel Vandal are willing to share their experience in the application process.

Improv Q & A with attendee, Representative Mari Cordes - Teacher pensions have been the most contentious issue at the statehouse lately. They are now funded. The bottle bill discussions took countless hours to work through. Thanks to local redemption centers working together, the bottle bill passed. It's working more smoothly than anticipated.

Next BEC Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 PM