

Bristol Energy Committee

Aug 24, 2022 zoom meeting 7:00pm

Meeting Notes

Present: Sally Burrell (chair), Mike Corey, Ben Skolozdra, John McCormick, Richard Butz

Sally Roth and Jim Quaglino, attending

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1. Organize for 'Window Dressers' insert build at Middlebury this year:
outreach, home visits/measuring, Middlebury build volunteers.

- We need a small team to measure their windows. Sally Burrell, Mike, Sally Roth and Richard Butz will measure. Richard has a laser measurer.
- Sally will begin advertising on FPF
- We will advertise and sign up participants at the Harvest Festival.
- Need measurement and pricing instruction and procedures.
- Need last date to order
- Richard will get the WD information above from WD

2. Oct 1st, EV Demo Day at the Green

- GMP will be there with cars and Jen, from GMP, will ask Bristol owners to bring their cars.
- Richard will confirm electric motor cycle presence
- John McCormack will talk to Caleb Elder, an advocate of e-bikes, to see if he can get some e-bikes for people to see/ride?

3. EV Charging Stations

- Downtown, and multi housing locations are going to have funds available through various state and federal programs.
- John McCormack says the Bristol ARPA lineup includes the park site quote from Norwich EV.
- Richard and John will check on available programs and talk to Valerie Capels re: multi-family sites that should be considered for chargers.

4. Library Energy Audit update

- Recommendation to use Building Energy of Williston to provide audit, and costs so we can be ready to apply for applicable grants. The idea is to prepare a “shovel-ready” application.

- The recently passed H.518 Municipal Fuel Switching program is designed for this kind of project.
- Building energy is one of two companies recommend by Efficiency Vermont.
- We will consult with the library board to see if they are on board with the project and plans so far.
- We will try to get on the next Select Board agenda to request \$600 to fund the audit.
- This discussion raised the issue that the Energy Committee has no allocation of discretionary funding from the town and we need to discuss this at a future meeting.

5. Climate and Energy Conversations

- Richard started conversations on FPF, and met in person at the Band Shell. This is part of a 350VT, Addison Node “Listening Project” to try to understand where Vermonters stand on climate change and it’s potential impact. The conversations will resume on FPF and Harvest festival.

6. Harvest Festival Sat. Sept 24

- Conversations about climate change will continue at the festival - we’ll try to get permission to use 350VT post cards prepared for the Listening Project. We may also make some Bristol-specific cards.
- We’ll bring electric lawn equipment
- We’ll hand out Efficiency VT and Button-up materials.
- We’ll have Window Dressers sign-ups and materials for clients and workers.
- Sally will arrange for the booth rental

7. John McCormack presented an idea to encourage the state to buy EV’s for state use and then surplus them after two years at cost to low income people.

- He has spoken to the director of VT general services about the idea, to gain an understanding of the procurement process.
- John was advised to talk to Senator Bray, Representatives Cordis and Elder for advice and support for the idea. Richard will work with him on this project.