

Meeting Minutes -  
[12/21/22 Agenda, Bristol Energy Committee Meeting](#)

(Notes from the meeting are highlighted in yellow)

Anyone willing to take notes? And remind me to record this meeting.

1.) Carl - Change in chairperson

We should get a quorum for the next meeting so that membership can vote on change of chair.

2.) Anything from Ben's notes from our last meeting?: [Energy Committee Meeting Minutes 11.16.2022 \(1\).odt](#)

Terrific!

3.) This from Coco at the LML: "Good news! We received the full funding for the energy work (new storm windows & LED light conversion), a total of \$15,000. See the award letter below."

4.) Porter Knight - Municipal Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training project. Rescheduled to 1/18/23

5.) Richard:

5a.) On the 13th ACRPC is holding a webinar on Act 172, Municipal Energy Resilience. I'll be attending that Zoom and will report at the meeting..

Here is the URL in case you're interested and can attend:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84005684891?tk=edcJ4F1isaSAMGuap4ZAxqsLkha\\_GdkyEA7hL3wJSks.DQMAAAATjyEGmxZRaVJUaFQ3WIRLT0xNVjdfdy1JRGR3AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=M2QzMmExSW9ta2ZjVGIzYjI4R1pTdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84005684891?tk=edcJ4F1isaSAMGuap4ZAxqsLkha_GdkyEA7hL3wJSks.DQMAAAATjyEGmxZRaVJUaFQ3WIRLT0xNVjdfdy1JRGR3AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=M2QzMmExSW9ta2ZjVGIzYjI4R1pTdz09)

Maddie Shropshire Meeting

VECAN meeting

Takeaways- Intent is to funnel money through town to upgrade , weatherize, replace fossil fuels, potentially \$500,00 per town. Bristol is second highest energy burden of towns based on fuel oil and nat. gas use and also median income.

Apply for \$4,000 grant to educate community on energy use and climate change. Should apply in January. Can have discussions in Holey Hall.

BGS is running the program, now hiring contractors to do walk-through energy audits and provide info on how to best weatherize a building. There will then be assistance from RPC to plan how to weatherize buildings in 2024. Will be flexible in terms of completion dates. All weatherization stuff is covered, as well as getting buildings off of fossil fuel if possible. Also PV and battery back up systems, as well as ASHP and geotherm.

5b.) Collaboration with the Brandon Energy Committee

Conversation started during window dressers. Brandon has successful button up program. We're invited to Feb meeting.

5c.) Conversation with Christopher Bray re: inviting him to one of our meetings .(Several of us had a 2 hour meeting with Christopher last Saturday.)

Very productive meeting last aSaturday, Jim Dumont. 2 hour meeting. Concerned about three bills:

Clean heat standard - major concern: reliance on biofuels. CB feels that these concerns will be addressed, there will be phase-out periods on fossil fuels, carefully monitored. Will make sure that biofuel replacing fossil fuel actually has a lower C footprint. Also monitoring biofuel replacing food crops. Can't just flip a switch. Goal is to electrify, but will take time.

Renewable energy standard has a portion that calls for instate renewable. Currently at 5% available in state. Pushing for 20%. CB says he can't push for the 20% without data, governor vetoed RES because he wasn't convinced that electricity wouldn't increase.

CB finds it hard to get info about the good that the legislature is doing re. climate. Richard invited CB to our (Bristol and Brandon) meetings. Maybe also collaborate with us in doing events.

6.) Sally: Quick update on the Green Peak Solar project.

Called Nathaniel Vandal at GPS. Projects have been pushed back due to tariffs. Will be able to begin building in 2023. Has been in touch with Sharon C. about buying the land from the town. So the project is still alive.

7.) Carl: A "boots on the ground" project, helping Bristol homeowners with simple weatherization.

Enlist Ted Lylis? HCC students? EAG?