

Agenda, Bristol Energy Committee (BEC) Meeting, 2/15/23
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82833718506>

1. Introductions

2. Administrative - BEC members vote to recognize Sally Burrell stepping down from position of chairperson of the BEC and Richard Butz and Carl Engvall assuming the roles of co-chairs.

3. Public Comment

4. Richard Butz - BEC visits the Brandon Energy Committee, Rescheduled to March 6th, 4:30. Meet at Bristol Green at 3:45 to carpool?

5. Richard Butz - No Mow May

The Bristol Conservation Commission met last night and talked about promoting No Mow May, in part by instigating a new mowing practice at Sycamore Park. The ideas behind No Mow May are multiple: early flowering plants are important for foraging bees (and mowing removes these flowers); mowing is usually a carbon-producing endeavor and the less we do of it, the better. There is a national No Mow May movement that we can tap for ideas and promotional material. Here is the Vermont version of the website: <https://val.vtecostudies.org/newsfeed/no-mow-may/>

[No Mow May | Vermont Atlas of Life](#) [Val.vtecostudies.org](https://val.vtecostudies.org)

The Conservation Commission is wondering if the Energy Commission would like to collaborate on this project. We plan to make signage for Sycamore Park to explain the new mowing regime, as well as to distribute signs and information to local folks on Green Up Day, to encourage them to adopt it. We would welcome your ideas and energy on this project! If you'd like, you or others from the Energy Commission could attend our next BCC meeting (March 9, 6:00pm, Holley Hall and via Zoom) to talk about ideas.

6. Richard B. - [350VT_2023.postcard_final.crops\(1\).pdf](#)

7. Richard B. - Update on important energy bills.

[H-0056 As Introduced.pdf](#)

[Ratepayer Protection & Community Solutions Act 1-pager.pdf](#)

[Vermont Tiered Discount 1-pager.pdf](#)

8. Sally Burrell -

Dear Renewable Energy Stakeholders,

To kickstart public engagement opportunities related to the Public Service Department's (PSD) ongoing review of renewable electricity programs in Vermont, the PSD is hosting a webinar series to share information and answer questions about Vermont's current electric system.

Through the informational webinars, the Department will explain where Vermont's electricity comes from, what policies and programs support the use of renewable electricity and provide

information about the process to develop future programs and policies that will further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The webinars are intended to be introductory in nature and will likely be of interest to ratepayers, energy committee members, students, or anyone who wants to know where Vermont's electricity comes from and what policies and programs support renewable electricity today. Each topic will be held on two different dates/times:

Webinar 1: Where Does Vermont's Electricity Come From?

- Tuesday January 31, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm
- Thursday February 2, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Webinar 2: Current Renewable Electricity Policies

- Tuesday February 14, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm
- Wednesday February 15, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Webinar 3: Parking Lot Session to Cover Additional Questions

- Thursday March 9, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm
- Monday March 13, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

More information about the webinars, registration links, and information on the Department's process to review renewable electricity programs and policies can be found on the Department's Renewables webpage: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions and we hope you'll consider joining us!
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9. Richard B. - EV Chargers, update?

10. Carl E. - Pocock Rocks and Farmers Markets. Outreach opportunities?

11. Carl E. - Bringing it to the people - Helping people weatherize their homes, hands-on. Another outreach opportunity? Enlist Hannaford Career Center students?

12. FYI - [WindowDressers](#)

13. Other business?