

## Bristol Energy Committee

February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm by Zoom

Attendees: Richard Butz (BEC), Allison Poulot (BEC), Jim Quaglino (Member of the Public), Sally Burrell (BEC), Dan Batten (Member of the Public), David Flaschenriem (BEC), Ben Skolozdra (BEC)

- i. Citizen Comments/Concerns
  - a. None
- ii. Approve Agenda
  - a. No changes
- iii. Approve January Meeting Minutes
  - a. Richard motion, Allison second, and approved
  - b. Do meeting minutes get posted on the Town website? Sally to follow-up
- iv. Update on EV Chargers
  - a. Refer to Norwich EV emails; got a draft agreement in late January and had to re-work the budget based on time that has passed between grand submission and project award.
  - b. Unclear what federal funding changes will implicate this project.
  - c. Funding for this project may be ARPA related. This funding was highly restricted and competitive (nothing within 15 miles). Due to competitive nature, this funding may be safe. State was trying to put as much as possible into state accounts so it could not be taken back.
  - d. Think about beautification work as it goes forward. There is an existing street light.
  - e. The Wells' are selling the property; how will this implicate our project? Keep in mind.
- v. Update on MERP Grant Responsibilities and Next Steps
  - a. Per David, no status update on the funding. Ian has moved ahead with talking to four contractors (design-build or similar structure). They have scope and there is interest. Continuing to move forward with getting it started on the money side.
  - b. Per Richard, the money goes to the ACRPC who then banks it. A significant amount of money was sent and it is in escrow, the real money does exist with ACRPC. However, how many projects are there and is there enough funding for all of them?
  - c. Could we reach out to the new ACRPC person and establish contact. This was the person who backfilled Maddi Shropshire's role. Allison can reach out to see if he could come to the March meeting.
- vi. Addison County Energy Navigators
  - a. Allison knows ACEN director, spoke at the Energy Fair last year. They do training to get other people involved in energy navigators. Allison intends to go through the training at some point.

- b. ACEN director has an intern working for her. Trying to get interest in the area about what is available and what CEAC and the energy navigator program is and how it works.
  - c. Could we have an event like we did with Matt? Maybe start with an introductory meeting.
  - d. Sally reminding us that CEAC and the Navigator project reached out to BEC and we agreed to try to partner with the town for a MERP mini-grant funding. That ended up not happening but it was something BEC wanted to collaborate on.
- vii. BEC Recruitment
- a. Need to post on FPF about recruitment.
  - b. Selectboard can get creative if needed for appointing. Also note that terms are staggered.
  - c. How are the terms formally established?
  - d. No limit on max number of members but the goal is 7, per bylaws.
- viii. Other Business/Future topics for next meeting(s)
- a. Farmer's Market Coordination discussion? Coordinate with Bike Pedestrian Committee, ACEN, Button Up, etc. Could we have a table once per month? Have a guest/focus each month. Maybe AllEarth Renewables?
  - b. Harvest Festival preparation. How soon can we do that? Ben to take the initiative. The Harvest Festival is organized by Addison County Chamber of Commerce. Per Sally they go fast so we should be ready to jump.
  - c. No Fourth of July, probably doesn't make sense.
  - d. EV Demonstration Day? Something to brainstorm on.
  - e. Jim suggesting we contact the high school to see if they have any science clubs or programs associated with energy. There is an Environmental Club as well.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 19, 2025