

Bristol Energy Committee

May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm by Zoom

Attendees: Ben Skolozdra (BEC), Allison Pouliot (BEC), Richard Butz (BEC), Gary Smith (member of the public), Sally Burrell (BEC), Jim Quaglino (member of the public), Dan Batten (BEC)

- i. Citizen Comments/Concerns
 - a. None
- ii. Approve Agenda
 - a. No additions or modifications
- iii. Approve April Meeting Minutes
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- iv. Town Energy Plan Grant (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, EECBG)
 - a. No updates, status quo, waiting to hear from ACRPC on next steps
- v. CEAC Energy Navigators/VEEP Event Update
 - a. Flyers & Front Porch Forum Posts
 - a.i. Dan and Sally to coordinate putting up flyers.
 - a.ii. Richard and Sally will contact New Haven and Starksboro to let them know the event is coming and to invite them to come. Richard has an email address for someone in Hinesburg too. How far should we go? Vergennes? Dan will send a print-ready PDF to everyone for dissemination.
 - a.iii. Richard will send to Act on Climate Coalition. Richard to contact Starksboro and Middlebury.
 - a.iv. Allison will send to Addison Node of 350VT and Jolyon at ACRPC.
 - a.v. Sally will talk to Maggie in New Haven and Cheryl in Vergennes.
 - a.vi. Sally to post to FPF on 6/3. Allison to post on FPF on 6/10. Richard to post on 6/17.
 - a.vii. Ben to send flyer to Adayliah and Shannon (VEEP and CEAC).
 - b. Event Food
 - b.i. What is our budget, realistically? It would depend on what we think we can get.
 - b.ii. Are we going for pizza or a snack? Pizza would be good. Ben to talk to Cubbers. Allison could make some snacks too. Let's see how much

engagement we get once we put the message out and give it some more thought.

b.iii. Richard to contact Shaw's about them donating sweets/cookies/etc.

vi. BEC Logo Design

- a. Dan sharing screen with the logo. Sally suggesting if we could make the mountains look like Bristol. Seems like it may not work as cleanly, Dan to adjust and play around with it.
- b. Dan will redesign it a bit based on the view from the intersection of 116 and 17.
- c. Sun ray theme with the light bulb is the concept.
- d. Sally suggesting Kimballs might be able to do something to help design it. Dan will continue to work on the logo concept.

vii. Update on EV Chargers

- a. BEC looking at the plan view from Norwich.
- b. Need to be aware of signage requirements and beautification along the walkway between Shaw's and Walgreens.
 - b.i. Bristol CORE could do a mural contest for beautification
 - b.ii. Could Bristol Co-Housing be involved in the beautification?

viii. Update on MERP

- a. VIA provided a proposal and David and Allison provided some feedback on it.
- b. The proposal is phased. 5 phases: phase 1 is design phase, scheduled to happen in June. Phases go through March of 2026 which is when construction at Holly Hall can begin, after coordination with Meredith in the Rec Department.
- c. Proposal is on Basecamp, which Allison and David have access to.
- d. Architect is Bristol resident, Nick Wood. Has worked with VIA for 6 years, will be the lead with Asher as the overseer/principle in charge. Another designer will be assisting Nick. Engineering Ventures will do the structural design. D&K will do the electrical and mechanical system design. Some concern with using D&K after they gave some interesting numbers in the report phase from 2024.
- e. Pre-designing and planning happening in June (kick-off meeting, etc). Next phase is schematic design and pricing. Phase 3 is design development (Aug-Oct), bid Nov-Jan, construction March through end of fall 2026.
- f. Sounds like there's good momentum to move forward with this project. Concern still exists with finding a qualified contractor who is available.
- g. Proposal covers MERP at Holly Hall and the separate Library grant.
- h. Allison to send out proposal.
- i. Ian to present the proposal at the June 2 selectboard meeting. Ben to attend.

- ix. Addison County Energy Fair
 - a. Sounds like a yes. What's the ultimate ask? Rotate the hosting to Bristol in the future? We should be aware that could be a possibility.
 - b. ACRPC does a lot of the heavy lifting but we will stay involved and put our weight behind it.
 - c. Ben can respond to Jolyon in the affirmative and see what they need from us.
 - d. Efficiency VT sent Richard some materials so we have plenty of literature that we can share and use.
- x. Other Business
 - a. None

Next regularly scheduled meeting: June 18, 2025