

Bristol Energy Committee

January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm by Zoom

Attendees: Ben Skolozdra (BEC), Sally Burrel (BEC), Dan Batten (BEC), David Flaschenriem (BEC)

- i. Citizen Comments/Concerns
 - a. The BEC would like to recognize the memory of Jim Quaglino who passed away in December.

- ii. Approve Agenda
 - a. Nothing to add

- iii. Approve December Meeting Minutes
 - a. Unanimous approval

- iv. ToolShip Project Discussion – Survey Questions
 - a. Sally wondering if we want to have a community group interested in shepherding it forward. How to get more people involved in the village area?
 - a.i. “Would you want to be part of a group to organize this project?”
 - a.ii. “Would you be interested in building a ToolShip?”
 - b. “Would you find value in a community sourced ToolShip?” i.e. would you use it
 - c. “Do you think it would be utilized in the community by others, not necessarily yourself?”
 - d. Add the flyer to the survey and keep the questions light and tight.
 - e. Add picture and use case in Brandon on FPF.
 - f. What time of year to send out survey? Post-Town Meeting, use the Town Report picture as a lead-in to the survey.
 - g. Ways people could contribute: financially, integration of users, construction of ToolShip, citizen committee to move the unit, charging maintenance, lots of way to get agency and have collective ownership.
 - h. Highlight that it's an important part of the Bristol community.
 - i. How did Brandon pay for the two ToolShips?

- v. Update on MERP
 - a. David met with VIA (architect) to discuss the project.
 - b. VIA showed David some progress design documents

- c. Silver Maple would prefer to use a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) model for project delivery.
 - d. Savings from GMP if things have less cost are returned to Client (Town, in this instance). The risk is GMP can be high but all savings are returned to the Owner.
 - e. Silver Maple is proposing alternatives for mechanical equipment locations. Attic seems limiting from their perspective. Also ducting changes, such as a drop ceiling “cloud” or re-routing of ducting in a different way.
 - e.i. There has been some preliminary feedback on historic preservation implications of these potential changes.
 - f. David and Allison were invited to the meeting between Silver Maple and the Town tomorrow. David plans to attend.
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- vi. CEAC/Addison County Energy Navigators Update Discussion
 - a. No update, we know the path forward for 2027 Town Meeting.
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- vii. Update on EV Chargers – Level 2 & Level 3
 - a. Level 3 is basically dead.
 - b. Level 2 is a budget limitation and the policy around the Town Green infrastructure is an open item. Ben to check in with Ian.
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- viii. Other Business
 - a. Add agenda item for revolving “events and meetings” for when people go to other things.
 - b. Do we want to schedule a visit to AllEarth Renewables in the new year? Sally will check with Jim and get back to us.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 18, 2026