

Bristol Energy Committee

February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm by Zoom

Attendees: Ben Skolozdra (BEC), Allison Pouliot (BEC), Jamey Gerlaugh (Member of the Public), Dan Batten (BEC), David Flaschenriem (BEC), Sally Burrell (BEC)

- i. Citizen Comments/Concerns
 - a. Jamey is a new resident of Bristol (moved in September from Charlotte). Knows Allison from Window Dressers from Charlotte area, involved with Sustainable Charlotte.
 - b. Repair Cafe for fixing things, electronic waste collection every GreenUp Day.
 - c. Wants to continue those efforts, exploring what groups exist in Bristol that may be doing similar work.
 - d. Would BEC be a good vehicle for some of the efforts that Jamey was working on in Charlotte.
 - e. Jamey's day job is Efficiency Vermont. Background in engineering and is a consultant with Efficiency Vermont for new and existing construction.
 - f. Seems to have a lot of overlap with BEC and our mission and by-laws.
 - g. Window dressers in Bristol? Potentially! Use Middlebury as a hub for a regional community build. Typically 200 minimum for one, which requires a lot combined together. Allison trying to work with Window Dressers to get enough Addison County critical mass to get one going in Middlebury. Bristol can't host one in Holly Hall due to upcoming MERP construction.
 - h. Lots of think about. How can we get involved with Green Up Day in May? Repair Cafe and electronic recycling event overlap makes sense.
 - i. This could be a great opportunity to do more actionable events and have tangible impacts in the community.
 - j. Ben will send the application for committee membership to Jamey for consideration.
- ii. Approve Agenda
 - a. Add Discussion on terms for upcoming year.
- iii. ToolShip Project Discussion – Survey Questions
 - a. Explaining ToolShip to Jamey. Good question about who maintains the tools.
 - b. Trying to figure out how to get community group together to organize.
 - c. Did we want to ask people if they would be interested in being on a team/committee to bring a tool ship to Bristol? - Yes, Ben to add to survey
 - d. Does Energy Committee chair usually speak during Town Meeting? Not usually because the Town Report is intended to serve as a summary of activities for the previous year.
 - e. Can we get the prototype of the ToolShip in May for GreenUp Day if we also do electronic recycling?

- f. We should talk to the Brandon Library about how it moves day-to-day and administratively.
 - g. Get into details later about how it moves, where it moves to, etc.
 - h. Ben to finalize survey and publish shortly after Town Meeting.
- iv. Update on MERP
- a. Meeting held on 2/11/2026 between Bristol and Silver Maple. Logistics are ready for packing things up after Town Meeting Day on 3/5 and 3/6. Starting demo on 3/9.
 - b. Allison will forward info from Selectboard.
 - c. Sounds like Silver Maple is on board and additional funds will come from capital improvements fund for Holly Hall and Library.
 - d. Proceeding with the understanding that all MERP funding must be spent by the end of 2026.
 - e. Sounds like there may be a letter of intent issued to Silver Maple at a minimum. Is anything on Basecamp? No but we can definitely talk to Ian about it.
 - f. How can we document the process of this project? Allison suggests taking before, during, and after pictures. Construction progress photos are a great idea. Also let's host an open house after it's over to show what the MERP program was able to achieve.
 - g. Is there anyone on committee who is a photographer? Dan will work with Allison to document before construction to take pictures before Town Meeting. Targeting last week of February. Want to focus on Holly Hall but not sure BEC has bandwidth for Library. Allison will talk to Ian first.
- v. Update on EV Chargers – Level 2 & Level 3
- a. Ben to follow-up with AZ on temp zoning law and Town Green policy.
- vi. Legislative & Community Updates
- a. S.107 and H.716
 - a.i. No real updates, note Richard's email about them.
 - b. Efficiency Vermont rebates (see email)
 - b.i. Weatherization through insulation
 - b.ii. Community Action Agency (CVOEO) for low income, through home performance program for moderate income (\$9500 incentive), higher income (\$4000 incentive).
 - b.iii. BEC should help spread the word
 - c. Allison is involved with an advocacy group and she can forward out additional event info and legislative focused updates.
 - d. Sally might reach out on FPF about TriValley Transit. It goes from Bristol to Middlebury and goes to Route 17, and Route 7 to a hub in Middlebury. Free at point of service!

- vii. Discussion on upcoming term expirations for BEC members
 - a. Expiring in March 2026: Allison, Richard, and David
 - a.i. Anyone interested in re-upping? Allison will stay. David will stay. Allison will reach out to Richard.
 - b. Update Town website for Zoom meeting info and chair info.
 - c. Keep Ben as Chair. Use Google doc with a cutoff for Monday before the meeting so everyone can contribute to the agenda before it is finalized and distributed.
- viii. Other Business
 - a. If Brandon would be willing to bring the ToolShip to Bristol, can we park it on Town Meeting evening? Good thought but probably not the best time to have it at Town Meeting. Dan will reach out to Jeff at ReBHS to see if they would be open to bringing it to Bristol for a few days once the snow melts.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 18, 2026