

Bristol Energy Committee

May 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

7:00pm by Zoom

Attendees: Allison Pouliot (BEC), David Flaschenriem (BEC), Ben Skolozdra (BEC)

1. Citizen Comments/Concerns
 - a. None

2. Approve Agenda
 - a. None

3. Approve April Meeting Minutes
 - a. No changes.

4. Planning Commission Crossover - Enhanced Energy Plan Implementation Tasks
 - a. Bi-annual update
 - b. Walk-Bike Council of Addison County: BEC believes Sally is still a member of this. Consider the mapping of the Vergennes-Bristol-Middlebury loop. Sidewalk assessment for extending sidewalk from Holly Hall to Village Creemee Stand.
 - c. Enhanced Energy Plan targets of things we are doing: refer to old Town reports and refer to state guidelines for targets
 - d. Energy resources on website: we don't do website maintenance but would be good to update things such as part presentations from Efficiency VT. Add links and info to Energy Navigators/CEAC. Allison can look through what is here now and what we can update or change.
 - e. No window dressers since 2022 but we did have the Matt Sharpe presentation in 2024. VEEP event in June 2025. The nearest window dressers event is in Shelburne but requires volunteers for measuring. Window dressers event for 2026/27? Addison County-wide event?
 - f. Promoting residential/commercial building energy standards: Ben to talk to AZ and be a recurring attendee at Planning Commission meetings. David also will talk to AZ about what is being done to encourage energy code adoption for permit applications. What is the overlap with zoning and permit enforcement?
 - g. Energy audit of Library, Holly, and Howden: completed
 - h. Explore funding: done via MERP (except Howden) and Library (in progress)
 - i. Pursue external funding for renewable heat sources: not really happening but explored with New Haven (Thermal Energy Networks)
 - j. EV charging: level 2 is looking good, we know the story with level 3.

- k. Bristol community solar and BESS (Agilitas)
 - l. Upgrade efficiencies in all municipal buildings: Library grant and MERP, nothing on Howden but looking for more funding
 - m. EV ready standards into building code: Ben and David to talk to AZ and Ian for update.
 - n. TriValley Transit (ACTR): town has invested in new bus stations at Pomerlau by Walgreens.
 - o. EV infrastructure.
 - p. Motor idling law: street signs by BES. Suggest talking about putting it on the Town website or obvious signage?
 - q. Working closely with Planning, DRB, Zoning: BEC to attend other board meetings in Town and beyond (ACRPC), Enhanced Energy Plan update with ACRPC. Vergennes Energy Fair as well, beyond Bristol.
 - r. Ben to look into Route 116 solar
 - s. Ben to make spreadsheet, fill out with Allison, and send to Planning Commission and AZ.
5. Holly Hall & Library MERP Update
- a. Holly Hall is on-going. The library is behind schedule for construction delays.
 - b. Holly Hall insulation has started, not complete but getting close. Plywood going up over studs.
 - c. Project update meetings for Holly Hall have been a combination of on-site and virtual. David has attended on-site meetings, mostly mechanical subcontractor related topics, showing equipment and locations for new equipment.
6. EV Chargers - Level 2 & Level 3
- a. Level 2 on-going, potentially Pomerlau parking lot with quote from Cummings at ~\$27k, whatever grant we get town will cover the difference
 - b. See last Ian email on Level 3. Outlook is not good.
7. ToolShip Survey - Preliminary Results Updated
- a. Only 9 responses for the new survey. Splits and percentages are roughly the same. How do we get more community engagement? Farmer's Market for engagement? Can we get the Brandon unit to the farmer's market for a Monday in the summer?
8. Legislative & Community Updates
- a. Vergennes and Weybridge are doing the Energy Fair on June 13 in Vergennes.
 - b. Allison updating everyone on the legislative topics and will continue as the legislative sessions winds down this month.

9. Other Business

- a. We have 5 committee members currently. We need to do more recruiting.
- b. CEAC funding call for next month.