

Barre City Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2017

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Phil Cecchini
Community member: Richard Hiscock
City Staff: Steve Mackenzie, Janet Shatney
Energy Action Network – Rob Fish; Americorps - Kate Emerson

1) Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

2) Minutes taker – Janet volunteered

Note: Elaine informed all that Schuyler had resigned from the Committee due to his moving to Brattleboro. He will be missed.

3) Approve meeting Minutes from June 16, 2017:

Motion made by Phil and seconded by Conor. Passed unanimously.

4) Community Energy Dashboard Presentation:

Rob Fish showed us the website. Will fix the differentiation between Barre City and Town. Encouraged us to get our own log-ins with passwords once corrected.

Reminded us that when looking at energy, we don't just focus on electricity, but all the means by which we can improve. People learn in different ways, therefore, this website is very visually appetizing, both with graphics and stories of real work completed in municipalities in the State. Think of the website as a newspaper: stories are those above the fold, and the informational links at the bottom like the editorials. This is a collaborative effort among many entities, sharing data across wide boards. Information can be manipulated, revised, uploaded and downloaded, printed.

Phil asked about the progress vs goal statistics, Rob stated data is from the LEAP model. The Atlas gives a real-location visual as to where energy improvement work is occurring. Elaine asked about goals by average size of improvement. Phil talked about weatherization and what Capstone works on, and could that information be captured as well. Hoping to post between 2 and 5 success stories for Barre City, will work with Kate until she leaves her post, but the new Americorps staff will take over once installed.

We will leave this on the agenda going forward to keep working on it.

5) Heritage Festival Proposed Budget

Elaine asked if anyone had any issues or more ideas for the proposed budget for the Heritage Festival. We talked about the gift cards, the wheel, other give-aways such as the outlets.

Phil made a motion to approve a budget up to but not exceed \$450, seconded by Conor. Further discussion regarding the cards. Motion passes unanimously.

6) Preparation for Heritage Festival:

Elaine would forward to Nick Landry those flyers we want printed to be able to hand out Saturday, July 29th at the Festival. Richard had some magazines that Elaine got several copies of to hand out, and had a Green Living publication he picked up at the Wayside Restaurant that might be good to have available as well.

Conor, Phil and Elaine will stay after meeting to work on the wheel and the pitch when people approach our area.

7) Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm by Phil and seconded by Conor.