

**Barre City Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Phil Cecchini
City Staff: Steve Mackenzie, Janet Shatney

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm

Minutes taker – *Janet volunteered*

- 2) Changes to the Agenda – *none.*

- 3) Approve meeting Minutes from August 28, 2017:

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

- 4) Update on City Hall Project – Timeline of City Attorney review:

Per the City Manager, the city Attorney has the paperwork now, and has asked for it to be reviewed this or next week. If the Attorney cannot, the City Manager will follow up. He has the documents back from Tim Perrin at Efficiency Vermont and others. The City Manager said he doesn't have to wait for the Attorney, and will try and pull together the documents to get it out, and have the contract executed with Brian Pine at Commons Energy.

- 5) Community Solar:

A lengthy discussion regarding this topic ensued – about private use, outreach, etc.; can we identify city sites, Aegis did an initial cut and came up with 5 sites for rooftop solar. And then the Committee discussed what would be our role? To promote renewable energy? What is our mission?

Conor will check into solar companies and how have any other energy committees played any role in community solar.

- 6) ButtonUp Commitment:

Discussion for 2 events we could table at to make the commitment ensued. We have to sign up by Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 on the ButtonUp website. Motion was made by Phil and seconded by Conor that if Nick Landry has 2 events identified that 20 or more residents would attend, then the BCEC will commit to ButtonUp. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Plan Winter Workshop Series:

4 workshop ideas were discussed, Heat Pumps, Slash Your Energy Bills, Zero Energy Homes, and Renewable Energy. Conor suggested making these workshops simple and easier for

people. The workshops will be marketed using the mailing list and the Heritage Festival list, and Conor will email those from the Heritage Festival list to make it more personal.

Lastly, Elaine said that we should be having another Barre City Energy Initiative meeting soon; and Phil brought up the idea of having the Boy Scouts help in some capacity, and especially if they have some energy type badge they need to earn.

8) Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm by Phil and seconded by Conor.