

**Barre City Energy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Wang, Conor Teal, Phil Cecchini, Romni Palmer

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Janet Shatney, Planning Director; Steve Mackenzie, City Manager

Visitors: None

1. Call to order - 5:42 pm by Co-Chair Wang
2. Changes to agenda? *Add discussion on tabling at the election on Nov. 6 after #5.*
3. Approve minutes of meeting for September 24, 2018.
  - *Motion to approve as presented made by P. Cecchini and seconded by C. Teal, **passed with E. Wang abstaining.***
4. Update on City Hall Audit.
  - *City Manager S. Mackenzie stated that he had no idea what the hold-up on this has been but talked with Craig Simmons today and has not put anything together, and will send something to him [S. Mackenzie] by Wednesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.*
  - ✓ **ACTION: E. Wang to check in with T. Perrin to help communication with Craig Simmons.**
5. Consider purchases for Button Up kickoff and next workshop.
  - *E. Wang heard back from EVT and they already have a workshop, and not advising to combine with the Slash (Slash your Energy Bills) workshop. Our commitment is to have the Kickoff and 1 other workshop.*
  - *Kickoff event comes with content and will do on November 7<sup>th</sup> instead of Slash, and will proceed with Slash on December 5<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Need to post event on Button-Up website [R. Palmer did on 10/29/18]*
  - *Did we want to combine with another community?*
  - *J. Shatney to provide food for the event, subs, seltzers, cookies, etc. Motion made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to spend an amount on food not to exceed \$125, **passed unanimously.***
  - ✓ **ACTION: P. Cecchini to reach out to Montpelier contractor Malcolm Gray for workshop.**
  - ✓ **ACTION: C. Teal to reach out to Fred Pond, a local champion of energy efficiency to present his projects and experiences [pondfc@yahoo.com]. If Fred is not available, check the Community Dashboard for someone who might be able to.**
  - ✓ **ACTION: E. Wang to reach out to Plainfield Energy Committee to see if they want to**

**partner with BCEC.**

✓ **ACTION: J Shatney to put information in the papers, on line calendars, etc. (see google sheets list).**

6. Tabling at the Nov. 6 election

- *The BCA (Board of Civil Authority) meets Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to vote on our request to table during the election.*
- *E. Wang wants to include some paper polling for Energy Committee members to ask folks questions and to help promote the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Button Up Event.*
- *J. Shatney to query the clerk on questions raised, such as set-up time, peak afternoon foot traffic times, etc.*
- *Questions asked might be: 1) Do you think Barre City residents would like to save more energy in their homes? 2) How can the energy committee help you/residents save more energy in their homes? 3) Are you interested in attending the Button-Up workshop tomorrow night [Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>] to learn more? 4) If not Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, then perhaps the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> workshop called "Slash your Energy Bills"? Would you like us to put you on our mailing list with info? If so, what is your email address, \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.*

7. Discuss energy committee mission statement.

- *Motion to table to the next energy committee meeting made by P. Cecchini and seconded by C. Teal, **passed unanimously**. Everyone needs to review and share their ideas.*

8. Discuss workshop series.

- *Discussion over Button-Up for al next year as some kind of series. Everyone liked Zero Energy; Solar, Heat Pump, etc. are there other opportunities?*

✓ **ACTION: E. Wang to follow up with T. Perrin on status of blitz, carry over 11/7 and 12/5.**

8. Adjourn.

- *Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by C. Teal and seconded by P. Cecchini, **passed unanimously**.*