

**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 August 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. 24th.*
 - ✓ **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 7th instead of Slash, and will proceed with Slash on December 5th.*
 - *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 1st 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. 7th 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. 7th] to learn more? 4) If not Nov. 7th, then perhaps the Dec. 5th 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**.*