

REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm
Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform

Committee members present: Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini, Romni Palmer

Committee members absent: None

Visitors: Brad Long, Efficiency Vermont; Deb Sachs, EcoStrategies, LLC, Fred Pond, City resident

1. **Call to Order:** 5:38 p.m. on the video conference platform ZOOM.

2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

3. **Visitors and Communications** (*for something not on the agenda*): None.

4. New Business

a. **GMT's Micro Transit Program.** The speaker, Jamie Smith had the wrong date set in her calendar, so will be attending our December 2020 meeting instead.

5. Old Business

a. **Review and approval of October 26, 2020 meeting minutes.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by R. Palmer and seconded by C Teal. E. Wang and P. Cecchini abstained, therefore motion failed due to lack of quorum.

b. **Update from Efficiency Vermont.** B. Long began by stating that in these Covid times that we should all remember to be kind to one another. He said that he spoke with his superiors at EVT regarding his staying with Barre City for 2021, and that he would be with us for a period of time next year, in a slightly different way. He is trying to capture the \$4,000 budget for Barre City for 2021 (that was not used in 2020), but not sure if he could get some or any of it, and would let us know.

The multi-family housing work is the big push for 2021. He wants to develop better relationships, and hopes to fill in more gap, and will need help with the multifamily housing market. With the possibility of being able to do many of the things that were slated to be done this year (tabling, Heritage Festival, etc.) he offered to help the committee in any way possible as to what ends up happening in 2021. He is not permitted to go in the field at the moment, so any interviews of residents that have been talked about in the past are on hold, but could do a ZOOM or other platform interview, and hopes to have a committee member with him to do it.

c. **Energy Plan community engagement survey results.** D. Sachs said the final count

47 for surveys was 430, and only a 9% repeat in people filling it out. She recapped the
48 survey with a draft of the results pictorially, and said there is a lot of support for
49 renewable energy. Transit options were discussed, and Mr. Pond noted that he was a
50 bus rider from Barre City to Chittenden County for years.

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52 D. Sachs asked if there were partners that the committee could think of to further energy
53 goals, and it was noted that the Barre Partnership, the Barre Senior Center, Barre Area
54 Development, VTRans, VCIL, Capstone and Downstreet Housing were noted possible
55 partners.

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57 Noting that the survey results would be sent out soon, the possibility of utilizing Mr.
58 Pond and his extensive work done to his home could be utilized, perhaps a future
59 meeting of “Be Like Fred” to propel energy saving forward further.

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61 6. **Other Business.** Discussion quickly ensued regarding a video from the committee for the
62 VECAN conference, and it was decided that E. Wang and R. Palmer would do the video
63 after adjournment and submit it. C

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65 7. **Adjourn.** Motion made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

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68 platform.

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