

SPECIAL BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 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

1. **Call to Order:** 5:34 p.m. on the video conference platform ZOOM.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** The agenda would be adjusted to accommodate for giving B. Long time to join us.
3. **Visitors and Communications** (*for something not on the agenda*): None.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes of the Special Energy Committee Meeting January 6, 2021:**
A motion was made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to approve the minutes, motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Community Engagement Report Update (EcoStrategies):** D. Sachs gave an update on the survey she has been compiling. Afterward, discussion about the prizes that needed to be chosen - 4 winners have been chosen, and the Committee needed to decide who and how to get the certificates to them. The two phases of the survey were discussed, and P. Cecchini stated he felt that each of the surveys were the same. P. Cecchini made a motion to award the gift cards to the first and second winners from the pooled, or non-segmented group of survey respondents; C. Teal seconded, and **motion carried unanimously.**

The first name drawn using a random number generator will be contacted as the winner and be given the choice of the gift card to the MeltDown Restaurant, or \$50 in cash. The second person drawn would then receive the alternate prize from the first winner's choosing.

J. Shatney asked about the ETA of the survey, an D. Sachs said she was wrapping it up, and will absolutely be ready for next month's meeting. She is also working on the framework that we've asked for as well and will have that ready.
 - c. **Update from Efficiency Vermont.** B. Long gave his status of where EVT is, where he is on his schedule with us and his other customers. Talk led to the EV stations in the city, how much they are being used, etc. J. Shatney shared the City Clerk's memo for City Council that week that showed usage, and cost. B. Long suggested that perhaps zoning could be changed to add language that requires any new development be required to install

48 level 2 charging stations. The EV stations map by Drive Electric Vermont was displayed
49 for assistance during this discussion. [https://www.driveelectricvt.com/charging-](https://www.driveelectricvt.com/charging-stations/public-charging-map)
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52 Discussion then centered around the goals from the State’s 2016 Comprehensive
53 Energy Plan. B. Long suggested getting a work session in as more talk around landlord
54 and tenant work occurs. He stated there isn’t much more to report than last month. He
55 has 150 kits for Barre City’s tenants, and wanted to know how to get these kits out to
56 the tenants, and how to engage with the landlords? J. Shatney will get the information
57 onto the city webpage as soon as it is provided.

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59 B. Long spoke of the Bike Shop interview, and that it just needs to get done. He said
60 the date settled for Mr. Ohls was for Friday [Jan. 29] or Monday [Feb. 1] for around
61 3:00 pm, and need to coordinate with and make an interview. D. Sachs said she still
62 wants to move forward with “Be Like Fred” as well.

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64 d. **Review CVRPC Barre City Energy reports:** Tabled to next month’s meeting.

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66 5. **New Business:** None.

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68 6. **Roundtable:** D. Sachs stated she was taking part in the Winter Walk and Bike Challenge
69 [\https://www.localmotion.org/bikewalkchallenge]. She also stated she had drafted the
70 Transportation Tip Thursday to be posted, and the committee made no comment, so she would
71 forward to J. Shatney for posting on the City website.

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73 7. **Adjourn:** Motion made by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

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75 There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference
76 platform.

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80 Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director