

SPECIAL BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 8:30 am

Remote Participation via ZOOM Platform

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

Committee members absent: None

Visitors: Deb Sachs, EcoStrategies, LLC; David Blittersdorf, All Earth Renewables LLC

1. **Call to Order:** 8:32 am. on the video conference platform ZOOM.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Visitors and Communications** (*for something not on the agenda*): None.
4. **Old Business:**

a. Roadmap and Goals Workshop:

Goal today is to go page by page, and come to a sense of the marking orders for the committee. D. Sachs summarized what shape the summary is in. In the draft sent, the big list is not there, but with added charts and such, it could be a great document, and another version that should be gone through. What is the objective, what are we trying to accomplish, who we are, indicate we've reached out to the community, P. Cecchini said and having a roadmap is needed.

E. Wang asked everyone's feedback, and the committee all agreed that it needs a table of contents, a summary at the beginning, some of the appendices will need to come out, but shared otherwise throughout the city, and some more organization throughout the document.

D. Sachs spoke of MicroTransit, that Barre City may need it more than Montpelier. Barre City has the density, the income sensitivity and the equity problem. P. Cecchini has been actively working on this in his role at Capstone, and even before he knew Montpelier was working on it. GMT is in on it, VTrans has provided grants, and are heavily engaged in this, and we shouldn't be recreating the wheel – the CITY needs to say they are highly interested in this, not just the energy committee.

R. Palmer spoke to the different commute sheds that work together, Montpelier and Waterbury, and it seems that Barre City has been left out of the main artery and conversation regarding ridership. D. Sachs suggested that we need to reach back out to Jamie Smith at GMT to ensure she knows that the committee is very dialed in to this.

As an aside, the Mayor reached out to E Wang and wants someone from the committee to present the goals document to the Council, on May 25th. Both R. Palmer and C. Teal

48 said they could do it. S. Sachs stated that she thinks that the goals document would be
49 great to be shared, and she wants to be a part of that presentation, at least attend.
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51 E. Wang and S. Sachs will take on the copy editing of the document, so committee
52 members had specific items to take into account for the next draft. Members need to
53 read the draft more so that
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55 P. Cecchini said that the statistic of 4,135 respondents into perspective as to the adults
56 living in the City. Approximately 8,500 live in the City, of which 80% of them are 18
57 years of age and older, so that equates to 6.7% are adults.
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59 C. Teal asked about the long-term versus the annual goals, and that those could be
60 appendices, or two (2) separate documents. We don't really have a long term plan, and
61 perhaps the committee should be more strategic, like details on renewable energy
62 needs, and landlord forms and initiatives. He wants to be sure the document is
63 accessible.
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65 P. Cecchini stated that he is greatly impressed with the work done on this document
66 and how the committee has been guided by her – Nice job, keep it up.
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68 The Roadmap spreadsheet with the goals and priorities was then gone through, and
69 how and why it was laid out. D. Blittersdorf joined the conversation again with great
70 insight.
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72 A meeting is slated for Sunday May 9th at 8 am.
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74 **5. New Business:** None.
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76 **6. Roundtable:** Nothing.
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78 **7. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by P. Cecchini and seconded by R. Palmer at 9:56 a.m., motion
79 carried.
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81 There is an audio recording available, and the meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference
82 platform.
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84 Respectfully submitted

85 Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director
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