

REGULAR BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 24, 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: Romni Palmer

Visitors: Deb Sachs of EcoStrategies, LLC; Brad Long of Efficiency Vermont

1. Call to Order

5:32 pm on the video conference platform ZOOM.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Moved New Business Letters F & G to the beginning of the meeting as Sachs needs to leave by 6:30 pm.

3. Visitors and Communications (*for something not on the agenda*)

None.

4. Old Business

a. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 10, April 17, April 26 and May 16, 2021

After discussion regarding deletions and grammar corrections, motion made by Cecchini and seconded by Teal, *motion carried*.

b. Roadmap Update

Cecchini stated that with dwindling number of members, there is not the bandwidth to get all these done and advocate for, and he himself has little to no bandwidth left also. If 2/3 of the committee can't see it getting done, then perhaps we need to focus on advocacy. Wang stated that the documents aren't going to get shelved, but is a great set of work outlines for years to come. Hope to find people to be as enthusiastic as the current group.

c. Committee 2021 Goals update

Discussion flowed into this from the roadmap discussion. A suggestion to have Shatney speak about the permit process, and even invite Code Enforcement to a meeting for further dialoging ensued.

As for MicroTransit, as noted from the Forum, it will be a few more weeks for any decisions regarding stakeholder participation will be made.

Discussion about Energy Champ Campaign: it was suggested to next interview

48 Capstone and Downstreet.

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50 Allocation of ARPA funds, perhaps 2021 financing for installs, heat pumps or fast-
51 fill EV stations.

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53 **➔** *Special BCEC meeting on Saturday, June 5 at 8:30 am to discuss financing for*
54 *installs.*

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56 **d. Barre City Housing Forum Report-out**

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58 Wang said that she found the presentation by CVRPC very interesting, and had
59 good statistics, but had asked where they had come from.

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61 **e. Efficiency VT update**

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63 Long reported that the landlord and tenant initiative has started, and said the Barre
64 City link has been updated. At this point, Councilor Jake Hemmerick joined the
65 meeting.

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67 Long noted that of the energy information for housing, some may market for
68 weatherization. Teal will go with Long to meet with Tracie Lewis of the Barre
69 Partnership to see about support and programs.

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71 **HOMEWORK:** *create a flyer or letter on said information that Shatney can*
72 *assist in getting it out to the masses.*

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74 **f. Municipal Updates**

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76 Discussion about what is happening in the city.

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78 **5. New Business:** None.

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80 **6. Roundtable:** Nothing.

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82 **7. Adjourn**

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84 Motion made at 8 pm by Cecchini and seconded by Teal, *motion carried.*

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86 There is no audio recording available, and the meeting was not recorded by the ZOOM video
87 conference platform.

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89 Respectfully submitted
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91 Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director