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BARRE CITY ENERGY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
September 27, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Present: Elaine Wang, Chair; Conor Teal, Vice-Chair; Phil Cecchini

Staff: Janet Shatney, Planning Director

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

As the meeting was not properly warned, a workshop gathering occurred to discuss agenda items, in lieu of a meeting, as no action can be taken.

Wang noted item #3 should have been a subset of #2.

1. Update for Efficiency Vermont (Brad Long)

Long updated the EC on proactive outreach, energy inspections, and the virtual home energy flyer. Continues to work with landlords, and single family homes up to 8 unit buildings, made referrals to weatherization partners (going well), renter kit is open, and there is a renter virtual visit available; there is an uptick in request for EV cars.

Wang asked about the number of virtual energy visits overall, and Washington County has the most performed at the moment, at 51 visits.

2. Update on energy engagement plan

Tabled to next meeting.

3. magic square (Elaine)

Wang noted that she and Shatney have received a copy of the excel file from Long so that it can be worked on.

4. Appendix prioritizations (Deb Sachs)

Sachs worked on numbers, showed a slide of total energy consumption in the City. The 2030 target states the City must reduce the energy consumption by 40% or 120,000 mwh (megawatt hours). There is a sector use problem; 60% of energy comes from thermal, 23% comes from electricity, and 16% comes from transportation.

The point is, no one really understands the magnitude of the crisis; space heating is a big problem. Need to articulate the issue. She will upload the stats slides to the shared Google drive.

Next level solution is to stay the course and be ready with solutions. Teal agreed retrofits are a key part, and try to get all landlords on board. Want to make the information packageable for the public.

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5. Landlord initiative and Council charge next steps ([see attached email])

Note that the update requested by the Mayor and Council was shared for the Sep. 14, 2021 packet.

6. Encourage committee members to attend Community Visit 'voting day' on Wed Sep 29, 6:30p-9p (see attached)

Please attend if you are so inclined.

7. Encourage committee members to attend Climate Action Plan input sessions

There are these sessions out there if someone wants to get involved.

8. Consider participating in Button Up 2021

Button Up is something the EC does every year, and appears to be an item that can be continued. Teal will look into what it takes to get signed up.

9. Round Table

Nothing.

The meeting was recorded by the ZOOM video conference platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director