

# Bristol Energy Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 11December2014

Location: 27B Main Street, Bristol, VT

Attendees: Brendan Gallivan (notes), Bob Donnis, Mike Corey

1. Call meeting to order 7:15PM – Quorum present (Bob Donnis, Mike Corey, Brendan Gallivan)
2. Open Meeting Requirements
  - a. Discussed Open Meeting Law guidelines
3. Agenda item updates
  - a. Amend agenda to add Mike Corey's visit to VECAN conference
  - b. Amend agenda to add committee recruitment
4. Public Comment none
5. VECAN Conference
  - a. Community Action & Climate Action Conference
  - b. Lots of groups involved, Energy Committees from all over the state, UVM extension
  - c. Rode with Wendy McCardle
  - d. Highlights:
    - i. Strategy vs. tactics of a committee or organization
      1. Develop goals (ideas) first, what gets in the way and how to measure success
      2. Strategy is your goals, tactics is how you achieve your goals
    - ii. How to get the message out
    - iii. Talked about doing a kind of "stories of Bristol" kind of thing
      1. John Elder's new netzero house
      2. Bob's energy efficiency upgrades
      3. Mike's insulation
      4. Wendy McCardle community energy shares
    - iv. Talked about community form to develop ideads

v. Bob proposed a motion to plan a BEC goals & strategy meeting and invite Wendy McCardle, John Elder and possibly others

1. Brendan seconded
2. Vote all in favor

6. Committee Organization Brendan

- a. Motion for Bob to take over as chair of committee from Brendan
- b. Mike seconded
- c. Vote all in favor
- d. Brenda to advise Therese

7. Home Energy Walk Throughs

- a. Lesson going forward
  - i. How to best approach
    1. Bob proposed motion to reach out to people in town who have done energy projects (retrofits, etc.)
    2. Seconded by Brendan
    3. Vote all in favor

8. Commons Energy

- a. Bob explained that this is a company formed by VEIC (the organization that runs Efficiency Vermont)
- b. Commons Energy will go in and do energy audits in municipal buildings and schools, make proposal for energy saving improvement, pay to have the improvement implemented and the savings would be paid to Commons Energy until the amount the work is paid off.

9. Heating Assistance Program – Bob

- a. Bob is amending program ground rules, will make updates and send around.

10. Other

11. Followup assignments

- a. Mike to talk with Wendy to see if she would attend strategy session and get email address
- b. Bob to talk with John Elder to see if he would attend strategy session and get email address
- b. Bob to schedule the strategy session

12. Adjourn 9:00 PM