

BRISTOL ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 7:30 PM
Holley Hall

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MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ian Albinson, Sally Burrell, Mike Corey, John McCormick

Guests: Richard Butz, Ian Hitchcock, Paul Markowitz

I. Call to order: 7:30 PM

II. Scheduled Appointments

A. Richard Butz introduction of Presenters: Paul Markowitz, Efficiency VT, Energy Engagement and Municipalities; **Ian Hitchcock**, Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) supporting 120 energy committees in VT.

B. Reinvigoration of Energy Committee

- a. create mission statement and goals
 - b. compile list of town needs, resources and challenges
 - c. assess town energy costs
 - ~ make use of free walk thru for town bldgs and water treatment by Eff VT
 - ~ SEMP for schools (Vermont Superintendents Assoc.)
 - d. brainstorm possibilities and prioritize
 - e. seek support from Valerie and select board Public Education
- a. start conversations
 - b. event tabling
 - ~ simple survey and free efficiency products
 - ~ check list of things to do for button up
 - c. Upper Valley Model
 - ~ on-line survey first
 - ~ then free audit walk thru by qualified contractors including cost assessment

3. Keys to Success

- a. find project champions
- b. build a sense of team
- c. secure support of local officials
- d. emphasize benefits: health, time, and \$ savings (reduce tax base, stabilize energy costs)

4. Support Materials: Strategic Energy Action Toolkit, New England Grassroots Environmental Fund for grants (energy fair), Energy Action Network's "Community Energy Dashboard", Town Energy Climate Action Guide, Renewable Energy Vermont.

5. Middlebury Pilot: neighborhood intensive education and energy walk thru's

- a. gather task force (volunteers) and train with eff. Vt, may need background checks

- b. find a legal nonprofit for liability rider
- c. identify focus areas for cost reduction (ie seniors, low income, mobile homes, older homes)

III. Open Business

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant

- 1. discussion: siting at pole or tree, charging levels, connect with Gary Halloway.

IV. Topic Interests

- 1. Mike: Solar siting
- 2. John: work with Fred Baser on low income energy needs, off budget solutions
- 3. Richard (liason energy committee member): handbook content, harvest fest tabling
- 4. Sally: walk thru volunteers for home energy visits