

# BRISTOL ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 7:30 PM  
Holley Hall

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## MEETING MINUTES

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

Advisors: Richard Butz, Matt Sharpe

Presenters: Dwight DeCoster, Fred Baser

Guest: Gary Smith

[NEAT video link](#)

Call to order: 7:30 PM

**I. 7:30 Dwight DeCoster**, Presentation of CVOEO (Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity) services.

A. Relevance for Bristol: Free weatherization for low income owners and renters creating warmer, safer, healthier homes and lower energy costs.

B. Possible support by Bristol Energy Committee: Education, home energy visits, shepherding the process for applicants.

C. Next steps: read and understand application for homeowners, identify volunteers to initiate visits and help residents.

**II. Fred Baser**, Description of Act 188 Local Investment Advisory Committee (LIAC) rolling loans.

A. Relevance for Bristol: Financing plans for residents to pay for weatherization and housing improvements.

B. next steps: read about the application process and apply for the LIAC rolling loan, discuss and work with the selectboard and Valerie on implementation process.

**III. EV Charging Station** update by Ian Albinson. Next steps: reach out to Middlebury and Dave Roberts regarding equipment and costs. Check with GMP and send photo regarding site near tree and three phase.

**IV. Button-Up Vermont Program** update by Richard Butz.

1. Identify volunteers for the Button-Up Hero Program, discuss free (walk thru) “home energy visit” training program with Paul Markowitz, and prepare to introduce program at Harvest Festival. Ian will sign BEC up for Harvest Fest table.

2. Matt Sharpe’s suggestions: Become familiar with all programs available including Heat Squad, Neighborworks, Efficiency Vermont, VGS. Matt will help mentor trainees.

3. Mike suggests working with VECAN to help match programs to individual home/resident needs.

**V. Vermontenergydashboard.org** info by Richard. Use it to add residents' energy data (Bristol's energy infrastructure) to the state's inventory and to see progress toward Climate Goals. May use as a challenge with other local energy committees.

**VI. Gary Smith on follow up:** After home energy visits most people will need help navigating and trusting the loan application process. Skilled, trained people and volunteers can meet with people at the library for support.