

**Brandon Energy Committee Meeting - Draft  
September 21, 2020**

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Shank, Edna Sutton, Lowell Rasmussen, Jack Schneider

**Committee Members Absent:** Matt Orchard

**1. Call to order**

Michael Shank, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04PM.

**2. Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by Jack Schneider to approve the agenda. **The motion passed.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

***June 1, 2020 Meeting:***

A motion was made by Lowell Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Energy Committee meeting. **The motion passed.**

**4. Brandon Celebration Planning (Energy Committee Booth)**

Michael Shank thanked Jack Schneider for securing a spot for the Energy Committee for Saturday's Brandon Celebration. Fisher Electric has been invited and confirmed for the booth. Efficiency Vermont will be providing items for the booth but are not currently participating in any in-person events. There will also be a representative from the Rutland County Waste District. GMP has also advised that they are not doing any in-person events at this time. A tent will be set up in front of town hall by 10AM for participation in the celebration from 10AM to 4PM. Matt Orchard has offered to help staff the booth. Mr. Shank noted he will be in Central Park from 10AM to 4PM with the other candidates that are running for office and will not be able to assist with manning the booth. Mr. Schneider may be available to assist once it is determined if he has other Chamber responsibilities. Edna Sutton volunteered to help between 10AM and Noon. Tim Fisher is planning to be at the booth for most of the day. Mr. Shank will confirm Matt Orchard's schedule. Lowell Rasmussen noted he could potentially be available in the late afternoon. Mr. Schneider advised that Bernie Carr of the Chamber will speak with the Town Manager about cleaning up the municipal parking lot as the EV chargers are now in place. Mr. Schneider was unsure of the status of signage for the chargers but will confirm this item with the Chamber.

**5. Fall Workshops Workshops**

Michael Shank had originally discussed either a virtual or in-person workshop with Tim Fisher, but their showroom is not quite ready. Mr. Shank suggested the Energy Committee could host another Button-up workshop. The early event was well attended, and he could ask Efficiency Vermont about the potential for this event. Lowell Rasmussen had a conversation with Tim Fisher about air-to-air heat exchanges for residents due to the air quality concerns relative to the virus. Mr. Fisher is considering moving into that market and this could potentially be an application of interest to some people. Mr. Shank was not sure if Mr. Fisher is ready to do a workshop on all of those items and will have a discussion with Mr. Fisher on this topic. Mr. Shank stated other potential workshops could be weatherization and retrofitting, appliances and potential EV test drives that could be of particular interest with the newly installed EV chargers in Town. Mr. Shank will check with the car dealers to see if they are currently offering test drives. Edna Sutton asked if there is a way of getting people to talk about how the energy industry is developing with regard to environmental careers. Mr. Shank will check with REDC with regard to this topic. Mr. Shank advised the Vermont Renewable Energy conference will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> which could be the people to discuss this concept with. Mr. Shank will reach out to Bill Moore, Tim Fisher

and REDC to discuss this topic. It was also noted that CCV and Vermont Technical College could be included in a discussion.

Lowell Rasmussen stated now that the State is 4 to 5 months into the new composting laws, there could potentially be conversations with the community about where we are and what can be done to improve it. Mr. Shank will follow-up with Matt Orchard on this item.

#### **6. Old/New Business**

There was no discussion held.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

October 5, 2020 @ 5PM via Zoom

#### **12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lowell Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 5:27PM. **The motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant  
Recording Secretary