

**Brandon Energy Committee (BEC) Special Meeting - Draft
September 18, 2022**

Committee Members Present: Jack Schneider, Jeff Haylon, Robert Black, Jeff Cohen

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM by Jeff Haylon – BEC Vice-Chair.

3. Agenda Adoption

A single item agenda to discuss and approve a special grant request prepared by BEC volunteer member Eve Baglarian was adopted as part of the required Public Meeting Warning.

4. Small Grant Application to The Vermont Council on Rural Development

Jeff Haylon described the *Climate Catalysts Innovation Grant Program 2022* offered by The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) in collaboration with the Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity (VLITE) and Vermont State Employees Credit Union (VSECU). The objective of the grant program is to support innovative local projects for which a small grant could have a meaningful impact. Mr. Haylon further described the BEC’s request in the grant application for \$3,600 to fund the purchase of two *RadPower RadRunner 2* e-bikes with safety and storage accessories (*see image below*) to be purchased and owned by the Town of Brandon and be managed by The Brandon Free Public Library for check-out and use by Library patrons. Town Manager, David Atherton, approved the submission of this grant request without Brandon Select Board approval, since no Public Funding is required. The deadline for Grant Submissions is midnight on Sunday, September 18, 2022.



RadRunner 2 e-bike

Discussion items included: procedures for tracking/locating the two bikes, potential Town (and/or Library) liabilities, volunteer maintenance of bikes, and bikes’ storage. Final resolution of these issues TBD, pending award of the grant.

Robert Black motion and Jeff Cohen second to approve the completion and submission of this grant application to VCRD/VLITE/VSECU for \$3,600 for the purchase of two e-bikes as described above. The motion passed with unanimous approval of the members present.

5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned by consensus at 1:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Black
BEC Secretary