

## Brandon Energy Committee

Minutes for 4:30PM Monday, June 3, 2024 Meeting  
At Town Hall Basement Meeting Room

### EDUCATION ITEMS

4:30 Proposed Survey AND Town Energy Report and distribution

-Send out survey w/ tax bills, Reporter, food shelf (David), help from students at OV w/ canvassing/distribution

-Erin adding return instructions/return address

-Parade booth (Jack)

-Erin/Jim to rework Energy Report Card for parade booth poster

4:50 Report on VECAN Conference (Jack): Conference included a number of different towns energy committees presenting; would be worthwhile to prep a presentation from the BEC next time/in the future

-Future presentation from local organizer on geothermal heating network?

### REGULAR BEC MEETING AGENDA

5:00 Called to order; Erin moved to approve agenda, Jack seconded, unanimous approval

-Erin moved to approve previous minutes, Jack seconded, unanimous approval

5:02 Invitation for public comments

5:05 Reflection: What one or two priorities for the coming year for the BEC?

-Erin: Education and exposure; helping folks understand the tangible benefits we can help with (esp. Tool Lending Library)

-Eve: Paperwork/bureaucracy to qualify for energy efficiency programs is burdensome--mentorship/assistance help with applying? How to make weatherization more manageable/palatable/less disruptive? "Button-Up Buddy System"

-Tim: Developing relationships with new town department managers (Highway/Wastewater) could be helpful; finding solar support among different demographics/political alignments

5:15 Election of officers for next year

-Jack nominates David as Chair, Eve seconds, approved unanimously (David abstains)

-Jack nominates Jeff as Vice Chair, David seconds, approved unanimously (Jeff abstains)

-Jeff nominates Robert as Secretary, Jim seconds, approved unanimously pending Robert's acceptance

-Jeff nominates Erin as Treasurer, David seconds, approved unanimously (Erin abstains)

5:30 Novus application for solar project for Town of Brandon as off taker and use of upfront funds

-Jack moves to approve the Novus application to send to the Planning Commission, Jeff seconds, unanimous approval

5:35 +/-Updates on Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects:

Report on Electric yards and lawns event May 21st

-Clare thanks all the many helpers (Jack, Jim, Bob, David, Jeff, Mike Bailey, Mike Schick, Bill Moore, Colleen Wright, and other volunteers!)

-Cons: not enough attendance, high flake rate

-Pros: folks who did try tools really liked them, positive responses

-Follow-up: Can town landscaping/small-scale gas equipment be factored into

GreenFleet policy?

Parade entry - complete entry form, set subgroup meeting - Robert to follow up

Review of annual budget and MERP grant commitments - Jim

Button Up this fall for non profits and grants to support this - Jim

Electric yard equipment lending library update and storage program - David

-ToolShip design is prepared to be built, if funding is ready then they can participate in the parade

-Eve moves to recommend ToolShip project, Jeff seconds, unanimous approval (Erin abstains)

5:55 Review agreements made.

David moves to adjourn, Jeff seconds, unanimous approval.

Next meeting JULY 1ST and good byes!