

**Brandon Energy Committee**  
**4:30 PM Monday, February 3rd, 2025**  
**Town Hall Basement Meeting Room**

*Agendas are posted on the community bulletin boards located at the Town Office at 49 Center Street and the Junction Store & Deli at 2265 Forest Dale Road. The Energy Committee reserves the right to add additional items, if necessary, at the beginning of the meeting.*

Attendees: David Martin, Jack Schneider, Erin B, Joyous Emerson, Jeff Haylon, Robert Black  
Guest: Billy Bullock, Jeff Dardozi, Kathy Clark

**BEC MEETING AGENDA**

4:32 Chair called the meeting to order.

Agenda and minutes, moved, second and unanimous approval.

Invitation for public comment

Billy Bullock (Linda Gebhardt) new Brandon resident in 2023...interest in helping BEC.

Reflection: Given the current political environment how do we best bolster our work for local energy conservation and resilience? Question about future funding opportunities. Challenges to Grant writing. Reach out to Millennials to get involved to promote Energy Resilience. Build and strengthen local community. Understand the reality of no funding possibilities from the usual Federal (and some State) sources. Increased drilling and accessing of fossil fuel energy sources will tend to undermine incentives for renewables.

Find ways to help local folks with energy conservation, including DIY support. How do we get folks who might need help to reach out, despite their concerns of “strangers” coming into their homes? Idea: Show examples of case studies in The Reporter to educate the community and also to ease people’s concerns about reaching out for help. Engage the “Energy Navigator” program to support these initiatives.

Updates on Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects:

Brandon Energy Navigator program –

***DM joined an Addison County group, working on training programs.***

(Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant) - \$50k

- Consultant job posting on ToB website/FPF/Facebook/Reporter? May be two separate positions at first: Lead Navigator and Field Representative job descriptions to be posted on ToB website.

Do we know people who might be a good fit for this work?

Who on BEC will manage their work along with Seth? ***TBD.***

How to promote: Website, Lunch & Learns, and Fliers distributed thru food shelf, zoning/building permit requests, BROOC heat assistance program, senior center, transfer station, fire department, churches, other places?

Make a tri-fold pamphlet to be distributed by March 5 Chamber of Commerce event.

Improve Energy Committee page on Town of Brandon website. (Wordpress)...

***DM, EB, RB will work on Flyer Design and BEC webpage update.***

***Create VIDEO clips to showcase Energy Conservation Strategies by DM, JE, EB, JD***

>Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County -proposal for using tools  
<https://ceacac.org/2023/10/01/the-navigator-project/>

>Neighborworks/HeatSquad has tiered pricing for audits:

0-80% AMI = \$75 (plus \$25 for over 500 sq ft over 2500 sq. ft.)

81-120% AMI = \$150 (plus \$75 for over 500 sq ft over 2500 sq. ft.)

121% AMI & Over = \$300 (plus \$100 for every 500 sq. ft. over 2500 sq. ft.)

**Chamber Educational Evening & Mixer -Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall, 5:00-6:30pm**

Introduce Energy Navigator Program – JE to present for BEC on Brandon

Colin Healy to present from Efficiency Vermont.

Food & Drink TBD, with some grant money available.

Set up Energy Educational display at Brandon Free Public Library.

Door Prize Ideas: RB books, EB do new T-shirt design?

Grant for weatherization materials \$600 - Tools/supplies through BFPL.

Mini “Button Up” events at the library? Info/literature

**Park Village Thermal Network**

Vermont Community Thermal Networks

***JE/RB to pursue outreach to 3 Owners (“J” Bldg, “K” Bldg, Humane Society) to work with TEN (Debbie New, Jared Rodriguez) for a “workshop” to discuss Energy strategies.***

**Solarfest Tech Expo August 8, 9, 10 –**

JS/EB report: Friday, Saturday (Music, Arts, Vendors), Sunday (Hands-On Learning, etc.)

**ToolShip 2**

Town of Brandon Trustee of Public Funds grant - \$2K - BEC/ReBHS is applying - JD

Other tools TBD - Snow blower? Power washer? Sweeper?

MERP Implementation Grant - Water/Fire District got an award...BEC can support.

**Review BEC Budget –**

***DM: \$1316 Budget Balance. ReBHS Downtown Bike Repair Station (\$850)***

5:55 Review agreements made.

5:58 pm Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting March 3rd and good byes!

*This meeting is available to attend via ZOOM: Meeting ID 87042220099 It will also be recorded.*

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Black

BEC Secretary