

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

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BEC Meeting March 3, 2025

Members attending: David, Jack, Erin, Joyous, Jeff H (arrived at 5:20)

Supporters attending: Serge Coitnor, Jeff Dardozzi, Billy Bullock

4:30 **Meeting opened**, move by Erin, second by Jack to approve agenda and minutes from last meeting. No discussion came up. Unanimously approved.

Public Comments - none

Reflection: Who can we serve in Brandon via the Navigator Program?

Discussion followed with the following suggestions:

David to circulate a list to add names to via email.

'We' could consult with BROCC, Heat Squad, CEAC and Efficiency VT about how to reach prospects in town.

The Navigator will host small events at businesses, the library, and homes, etc.

Chamber Educational Mixer

Addressed set up needs, food, clean up

All appears to be in order

Navigator Program

Reviews RFP issues and the process for finding a navigator

CEAC offered all their online programs, forms and materials to us to use for free

CEAC will support our training effort via their training programs

We could explore having the navigator assist with grant writing

With Seth's OK of the RFP getting posted on the town website 'we' (David and ??) will post invitations on FPF, in the Reporter (in Brandon and local towns)

It was suggested that the RFP indicated training was required and available

A concern was raised about the extensive skill requirements listed on the RFP were daunting

A suggested was made that we explore hiring CEAC or one of their trained volunteers

Plans to modify the CEAC brochure to hand out at the Mixer we made and the committee unanimously approved a logo that Jeff D proposed.

Grow Grant

Being applied for to support providing free weatherization material, tools and equipment via the library

A worthy bulk material supplier has been found by David.

Air quality measuring equipment, IR monitoring devices and the like will be offered if the grant is received

It may be the application will need to be submitted by other than the town.

David and Joyous! will prepare the grant.

SolarFest Tech Expo

Jack (and Erin who is the main organizer) reported on the August 8th to 10th event plans

Two large pavilion tents will house 40 to 50 sponsors/exhibitors

Marketing for this will start next week

BEC and the Brandon Museum might team up for a table

BEC volunteers will be needed in large numbers!

Toolship 2

A grant applied for by Jeff D via the rBHS high school program has secured \$2,000 for the second Toolship for electric tools that the library will lend

SolarFest agreed to add a second solar panel charging arrangement

Several locations for setting up the tool shops have been arranged

Looking for additional funding for an electric snowblower, power washer, and rubber sweeper to add to the program - possibly fitting into the grow grant above.

Committee Membership

David will put out an invitation for additional committee members to replace Jeff H if he gets on the Selectboard and for Eve who agreed to step down should other members be found.

Worth a Mention

Jack mentioned a report from Vermont Public about the status of Vermont and its 2025 energy goals, mostly not achieved, though some right spots with heat pump installation going from about 1,500 in 2015 to over 60,000 by 2023.

Adjourn

Jeff H made a motion to adjourn, Jack seconded. All approved