

Brandon Energy Committee
Agenda for 4:30 PM Monday, May 5th, 2025 Meeting
At Town Hall Basement Meeting Room

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

Attendees: David Martin, Jack Schneider, Erin Ballantine, Serge Cotnor, Joyous Emerson, Robert Black
Guests: Billy Bullock, Tim Guiles

BEC MEETING AGENDA

4:30 DM called the meeting to order. Adopted agenda (amended with Dardozzi video discussion) and minutes with unanimous approval.

Invitation for public comments...None.

Reflection: How can we encourage younger folks to join us? Encourage High Schools to set up an Energy Club. (See Dave Atherton's daughter, Elizabeth for possible idea). Other potential contacts, Grace Coolidge, Nate Doty. See Mike Bailey for Student Service contacts – May 16.

Consider Americorp involvement by youth currently laid off from defunding. (DM to contact).

Jeff Dardozzi projects ideas with Brandon Free Public Library and students.

Updates on Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects:

ToolShip I starting up again at the library. We should do a promotional video - Could be fun social media opportunity - crop circles anyone? New materials and improvements, add graphic stickers. Prepare social media mix for **ToolShip II** release.

First Repair Fair for 2025 was Sunday. Missed getting it on last months agenda! Postponed for two weeks....until Sunday, May 17.

Town of Brandon received a grant for a VW iD Buzz electric 7-passenger van for the Recreation Dept. and potentially a local ride service. Tim Guiles described the flexibility of the vehicle...seats remove easily and vehicle becomes a cargo van. Consider marketing other ideas for vehicle use (i.e., Brandon "Buck Bus"...\$1 /Ride) Also, consider eventually having an Electric Fleet (with carrying costs paid by users for no cost to Town).

Are there ways for BEC to help promote this EV and other Energy-related project? Consider moving existing bus shelter from behind Dunkin to in front of Brandon Inn and add an electronic display to post public and energy-related information.

Solarfest Solar Array - June 16th - Opportunity to learn about solar installation by helping install panels on their new on site array. Worksession planned for June 16 at old Ron's Auto site. Educational opportunity for participants.

DIY Solar comment added by Tim Guiles: talking with Ben Marks/Middlebury about potentially zero cost solar panels availability.

Brandon Independence Day Parade - July 5th, Sunflowers theme! What should our float be? Partner with others, include ReBHS, VW Buzz, ToolShip II. JS coordinated a booth

Solarfest Tech Expo August 10th – JS. \$175 Booth Cost...share with CEAC, BROCC, Heat Squad. DM to meet with reps and Seth Hopkins this Friday to work on details. Who is available to staff a booth? Other groups to invite?

Brandon Energy Navigator Program - JS/JE/DM.

Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County submitted a proposal in response to our RFP and we are in the process of refining it to match up with our grant proposal. So far nine individuals and two businesses have signed up! CEAC will be hiring and training someone local to be the Lead Navigator for Brandon. DM to tune up brochure for more complete information.

“Grow Grant” for “Weatherization Resource Library” available through BFPL (\$4000) – DM Will hear in late June if we got it. Funds would be available in time for us to set up by late summer. Teach more about induction stoves to promote healthier cooking.

Otter Valley -DM to connect with science teacher about energy topics? Promote Induction cooking and air quality.

Video re: Eve's review – Promote on social media, Front Porch Forum, other social media.

Committee membership - Eve is open to being replaced if we find a replacement

5:55 Review agreements made.
Next meeting June 2nd and good byes!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Black/BEC Secretary