

Brandon Energy Committee
4:30 PM October 6th, 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 Ballentine, Joyous Emerson, Robert Black
Guests: Jeff Dardozi (ReBHS), Bob West (Goshen)

BEC MEETING NOTES

4:40 PM DM called meeting to order
Agenda and Minutes approved as noted.

Reflection: Key interests from Working Session at last BEC meeting.

DM – Library Project/DIY Weatherization

JS – Energy Navigator Program (Conservation, Weatherization, DIY Solar (Lawn mower, Police canopy)

RB – Foster more community conversation and Outreach (Solarfest, ReBHS, etc.) Develop more partnerships with Rutland groups and other potential partners.

BUTTON UP PROGRAMS 2025

Home Heating Workshop – Wed., October 29, 5:00-7:00 PM. Senior Ctr. Forest Dale
Home Energy Office Hours & DIY Weatherizations -Wed. November 5th, 12th, 19th 5:30-6:30 PM.

BROC, Weatherization & Energy Navigators – Tues. December 2, 5:00-7:00 PM, Brandon Town Hall Meeting Room

Brandon Energy Navigator Program

Shannon Bryant has completed 5 Navigations and Reports. CEAC has hired a new outreach/marketing person to assist with the Brandon program. Ads, posters and postcards are being prepared to promote Energy Navigator events.

Weatherization Resource Library

Proposed launch: Nov 2025 at BFPL. New tools (Air Quality Monitor (temp/humidity/radon),

FLIR-One Edge Thermal Imaging Camera that wirelessly connections to smartphones.

Induction Hot Plate to work alongside (or replace) existing gas stove.

DM, RB to work on setting up the Resource Library and accompanying info flyers.

Toolship

Toolship I returns to BFPL for the end of the season.

Toolship II completed and launching at BFPL. Improved version, with new, lighter weight materials.

Consider securing a USPTO TradeMark for Toolship. Work with local OVUHS students, Middlebury College students to assist with building, drawings, videos or other outreach.

VW iD Buzz was shown with four other EV's at SunDay event in Middlebury with good responses about the vehicle and about Brandon.

Committee Business/Discussion

- More notices in Front Porch Forum, Select Board, other media to find new member to replace Eve Baglarian's seat. Joyous noted that he may be stepping down, and so a second seat will need to be filled to maintain BEC meeting quorum.
- Seek grant funding incentives for Police Dept solar canopy. Grant applications due 10/20. Need to explore design, details. Discuss further with Town Mgr. Police Chief.
- Annual Report Preparation. All to submit photos and other information to be included. DM, RB to work on graphic images and other layout for the report. Include GMP map of solar installations in Brandon.
- Contact Vicki at BROCC to determine how many Brandon residences have already been served by BROCC. Also, explore potential total possible residences for BROCC incentives exist in Brandon.
- VNRC Annual Conference to be held on November 1, Lake Morey, VT. Keynote speaker: Bill McKibben.
- RRPC has hired a new Planner, Sean Beatty to focus on Energy issues.

5:50 PM Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: November 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Black/BEC Secretary