

Brandon Energy Committee
Agenda for 4:30 PM Monday, December 1st, 2025 Meeting
Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square, 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, Erin Ballentine, Joyous Emerson, Serge Cotnor, Jack Schneider, Robert Black Guests: None

BEC MEETING NOTES

4:30 DM called meeting to order.
Adopt agenda (amended as approved) and minutes
Invitation for public comments

Reflection: How could we make all this more fun? Consider using humor or offering a joke at the outset of a meeting to open up thinking. Also, possible a “character” at the landfill to engage people to think about waste management.

Updates on Upcoming Events, Ongoing Projects, and WHO is involved

Surprise donation for Solar – JE met with Nifty Thrifty Board today to discuss three proposed projects: Solar at Police Dept., Town Garage and Town Parking Lot were well received. A fourth project, Town Sign project needs further discussion and may not be supported. The N-T Board will make a decision on how to proceed in the next couple of weeks.

Amended Agenda Item: “Balcony Solar”

JS presented how this works in Germany (220 W panels, w/microinverter. Widely used in Europe. Currently legal in Utah. SolarFest Center is considering assembling “Balcon kits” locally at lower cost. JE to write a draft statement for BEC to send formally to Brandon Select Board, and to State of VT Legislature for formal resolution to support this initiative.

Button Up Programs 2025 -

Home Heating Workshop by VEEP & EN Four attended! Two signed up for Navigations.
Home Energy Office Hours & DIY Weatherization Two attended. One Navigation.

Final event with BROCC, Weatherization & Energy Navigators Tue. December 2, 5:00-7:00
Brandon Town Hall meeting room - Food/set-up/weatherization demo units.

Brandon Energy Navigator Program -

11 navigations now completed...20% of BEC goal. CEAC has hired an outreach/

marketing person to assist with the program in Brandon. 110 Flyers handed out at Veggie Van Go.

Weatherization Resource Library

at BFPL, includes: Weatherization materials and installation tools - Caulk, weatherstripping, door sweeps, pipe insulation, outlet gaskets, foam, and tools, including: Thermal Imaging Camera, Indoor Air Quality Monitor, Induction Hot Plate

ToolShip

ToolShip II is at the library and will be converted to house the weatherization resources

ToolShip I Will house a EGO snow blower and snow shovel for the winter
Jeff and David will be meeting with Bristol Energy Committee regarding a ToolShip build workshop put on by ReBHS in 2026
Survey of ToolShip users drafted to assess participation and issues. Coordinate with sponsors (BEC, ReBHS, Library, SolarFest).

Committee Business – Still need one additional BEC member. Annual Report previously submitted.

5:35 Review agreements made and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting January 5th and good byes!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Black/BEC Secretary