

Bolton Energy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2019  
Bolton Town Office

Members present: Juliette Juillerat, Peter Schoen, Henry Corse

Members absent: Lexi Haselton

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **Call to order:** the meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Juliette Juillerat.
2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**  
Additions:
  - Approve the minutes of March 13, 2019: Juliette Juillerat made the motion *“to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019.”* Henry Corse seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).
  - Town Office energy improvements: One estimate received for LED lighting, second estimate pending. Minor updates (door gaskets, outlet insulation, door sweep) in process. Building slab: brief discussion on possibility of little energy consumption impact by installing foam/insulation on the outside of the slab, but could address building comfort level. More thorough energy review of building and energy codes needed (i.e. attic insulation).
  - Fire Station energy assessment: Henry Corse went to the BSB to discuss, assessment is pending thanks to Ensave of Richmond, assessment information available by the end of July.
  - Juliette Juillerat provided Smilie Kindergarteners with an energy learning opportunity utilizing a VEPP curriculum resource kit on wind power; wind turbines and sailboats.
3. **Public Comment:** none
4. **Committee Updates:**
  - The Select Board accepted the resignation of Janet Metz from the Energy Committee.
5. **Review and discuss the draft solar Request for Information (RFI):**
  - Identify the goals:
    - Electricity for town buildings only, or also for folks buy into/purchase; town vs. community solar.
    - RFI to review and identify potential sites: town buildings (especially town garage with aspect and roof pitch), town owned land (potential for FEMA buy out parcel on Route 2, unsure if Flood Zone prohibits), state owned land in the Route 2 & I89 right of way/corridor for build out.
    - Lease vs. purchase of solar panels.
    - Cover town consumption, consider donating additional power to low income residents, Smilie School.
    - Proposals for different models.
  - Next steps: committee review of the RFI, then request review by the BSB.

6. **Review and discuss the list of potential invitees to the Energy Fair:**

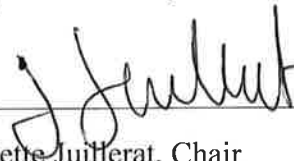
- Efficiency VT: confirm if there is a Button UP campaign this year, potential workshops on DIY weatherization, advance wood heat.
- Two Bolton utility companies – Green Mountain Power and VT Electric Coop, information non their incentives; i.e. GMP heat pump, battery (home energy storage)
- VT Community Solar program, solar developers – Sun Common.
- CVOEO: weatherization agency – services offered free to low income residents.
- VECAN: extend invitation
- EANVT: extend invitation
- Contact energy listserves to request invitation sent to the list; Renewable Energy VT & Efficiency Network.
- Discussion with members of the ERC regrading including an Energy Fair with the Community Fair included:
  - Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019 @ Smilie School, 12 noon to 4 p.m. followed by the BCN Harvest Dinner.
  - SCA will be acting as a food vendor, ERC will provide hot and cold cider and hot chocolate with RiseVT grant funding.
  - Advertise as Community and Energy Fair.
  - ERC may generate a program for the fair, and generally has 40 vendors.
  - 10 tables for the EC and potential locations at Smilie are the “pod” and the library.
  - Four to six energy presentations/workshops of 15 minutes – designate space, potential for library.
  - Format of presentation options: 10 minutes per vendor, introduction for each company, introductions of all vendors prior to a workshop.
  - Types of workshops: stay away from “sales pitches,” DIY workshop infrared camera use, Fomo foam gun (insulation).
  - Next steps: Peter Schoen volunteered to reach out to vendors utilizing list generated, Juliette Juillerat volunteered to follow up on presentations; Efficiency VT and determine others.

7. **Closing:** Henry Corse made the motion “to close the meeting.” Peter Schoen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0) at 7:50 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, acting clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Energy Committee on:*

June 12, 2019



Juliette Juillerat, Chair