

Bolton Energy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2019  
Bolton Town Office

Members present: Juliette Juillerat, Henry Corse, Lexie Haselton

Members absent: Peter Schoen

Also present: Emily Nosse-Leirer (CCRPC)

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **Call to order:** the meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Juliette Juillerat.

2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**

Additions:

- Request from CIP for any capital projects.
- Lexie Haselton: uncertain on availability of bandwidth for meaningful membership, discussion of membership.
- Update: Montpelier has energy disclosure at time of sale for property sales addressed in their town charter to give authority for disclosures. Brief discussion on town charters, process.

Deletions: none.

3. **Public Comment:** none.

4. **Recurring Business:** Approve June 12, 2019 minutes. Juliette Juillerat made the motion *“to approve the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes.”* Henry Corse seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).

5. **Review Energy Plan Draft:**

Discussion on the text of the plan included:

- The base is from the 2017 Town Plan.
- Updated name for PUC, an enhanced energy plan qualifies for substantial deference.
- Broadened energy generation.
- Weatherization and energy efficiency discussion placed in housing section.
- Utilities and facilities: moved some information from transportation.
- \*Add stronger language regarding energy efficiency and town vehicles.
- Language to meet energy planning standards, state level goals, LEET model, \*add language on wood heat.
- Energy use; home heating, opportunities.
- Transportation: still looking for data from “Go! Vermont” on carpooling.
- Efficiency and energy use.
- Energy production: updated with most recent information, \*clarify what projects are being counted.
- Developmental constraints and goals. Acre per megawatt conversion for projections.  
\*Add base level information. Discussion on calculations, data profile, graphics.
- Known constraints – steep slopes.

- Review of maps; constraint map - remove contour lines and power lines, how/if areas of wind/solar overlap, and if so, \*provide that depiction.
- Discussion on micro-hydro and that steep slopes could benefit/work with micro-hydro.
- Discussion on Ethan Allen Firing Range and their possible energy goals. Henry Corse to follow up.
- Preferred sites for net metering: gravel pits - \*add to map.
- \*Evaluate idling reduction.

Data Section:

- Repeat of text with the addition of more detailed tables.
- \* Check for 2018 data.

Schedule:

- Edits incorporated by the end of August, and then send any additional comments to Emily. Amy Grover to follow up with PC on timing for energy discussion and follow up with Henry Corse to be available at that meeting.
- Next Energy Committee meeting date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in conjunction with the ERC.

6. **Draft Solar RFI:**

- Review - no change in content, addition of photos and maps.
- Henry Corse made the motion “to approve the draft solar RFI and forward it on the Select Board for review and approval.” Lexi Haselton seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0). Amy Grover to schedule an appointment for Henry Corse at the September 16, 2019 BSB meeting at 6:30 p.m.

7. **Energy Fair Outreach:**

- Confirmation on presentations by Efficiency VT, Drive Electric VT, CVOE, Button Up VT.
- Tabling: members to reach out/converse with: Suncommon (Lexi Haselton), Building Energy (Juliette Juillerat), VCAN (Juliette Juillerat) VT Electric Coop (Henry Corse), GMP (Henry Corse). Juliette Juillerat to send group a draft email.
- Speaker schedule: TBD.
- Flyer: Juliette Juillerat to draft, Lexi Haselton to enhance.
- Marketing: Follow up with ERC in September at joint meeting.
- Reach out to Energy Committees in Richmond, Waterbury, and Jericho about the energy fair: Juliette Juillerat.
- Bolton Gazette: Juliette Juillerat to email Deb Shelby.

8. **Town Office Energy Upgrades:**

- Amy Grover to follow up with WES on LED lighting.
- Door sweep installed, gaskets and outlet insulating pending.

9. **Fire Station Energy Audit**


- Still in process, Henry Corse to follow up with Mike Gervia.

10. **Closing:** Henry Corse made the motion “to close the meeting.” Lexie Haselton seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0) at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, acting clerk

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

August 21, 2019

  
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Juliette Juillerat, Chair

