

Brandon Energy Committee
4:30 PM Monday, April 7th, 2025
Town Hall Basement Meeting Room

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

Attendees: David Martin, Jack Schneider, Serge Cotnor, Joyous Emerson, Robert Black
Guest: Billy Bullock, Jeff Dardozi

BEC MEETING AGENDA

4:50 Acting Chair JE called the meeting to order. (Chair DM joined the meeting at 5:05 pm)
Minutes from previous meeting unanimously approved.
Guest BB offered to be part of the PSA video project with JD.

Reflection: HOW SHOULD THE BEC USE SOCIAL MEDIA?

More presence needed on Brandon Buzz. Do more “action-oriented” projects to engage volunteers to work with the BEC. Create a series for the Reporter on “Energy Tidbits” with information on how to save people money. (not so much on larger, overview issues like “Save the Planet”)

5:10 pm Main meeting called to order by DM
Welcome to new BEC member, Serge Cotnor.

Updates on Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects:

Climate Council Listening Event - April 30th @ 5:30 - Rutland -
Training - April 10th @ 5:00 – zoom Contact JE if interested in attending.

Brandon Independence Day Parade - July 5th, Sunflowers!
Introduce Energy Navigator to the community....possible Float to be designed.
Ask CEAC to join the parade. Include the second “ToolShip”. Contact Devin Carpak (OVUHS) to work with a single, larger group in the parade. DM will contact Stafford to work on a design/build connection with the BEC. JD to contact OVUHS to see about welding a framework (sunflower shape) to fit Solar Panels from Solarfest. RB to measure panels.

Brandon Energy Navigator Program - JS/JE/DM

- Consultant RFP posting on ToB website/FPF/Facebook/Reporter
Who on BEC will manage their work along with Seth and David?

How to promote: Social Media, Website, Lunch & Learns, and Fliers distributed thru food shelf, zoning/building permit requests, BROOC heat assistance program, senior center, transfer station, fire department, churches, legion, other places?

Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County will get us a proposal in response to our RFP for the Energy Navigator Program

Neighborworks/HeatSquad pricing for audits: We are offering \$50 or \$75 as part of BENP
0-80% AMI = \$75 \$0 (plus \$25 for over 500 sq ft over 2500 sq. ft.)
81-120% AMI = \$150 \$100 (plus \$75 for over 500 sq ft over 2500 sq. ft.)
121% AMI & Over = \$300 \$250 (plus \$100 for every 500 sq. ft. over 2500 sq. ft.)
“Grow Grant” for weatherization materials & tools available through BFPL (\$4000) - DM
Will hear in June if we got it

“Weatherization Resource Library” - tools include IAQ monitor and induction hot plate *
Have some mini “Button Up” events at the library with VEEP?
Tied to BEN project
Info/literature TBD

Social media opportunities *

JD showed the rough cut PSA video with interview of Eve Beglarian talking about the energy improvements to her Brandon home....very informative and interesting! ***JD will post a copy of the video for BEC members to review and comment on which pieces to focus on.***

Otter Valley - Connect with science teacher about energy topics? Induction cooking and air quality? ***DM to contact OVUHS to invite a student intern to participate with the BEC.***

Solarfest Tech Expo August 10th - JS

Who is available to staff a booth? Other groups to invite? CEAC, energy committees?

ToolShip promotional video - Could be fun social media opportunity - DM
Explore acquisition of Other tools - Snow blower? Power washer? Sweeper?
Need to do a fundraiser and pursue Other grants.

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

5:58 Review agreements made and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting May 5th 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