

## **Brentwood Energy & Efficiency Advisory Committee Minutes Meeting on January 18th, 2023**

Members present: Anna Heard, Rick Labreque, Kris Magnusson, Tom Palma, Bob Radlinski

Alternates present: Kristin Aldred, Matt Lipinski

1. Meeting started at 7pm.
2. Kris made a motion to accept Matt and Kristin as voting members for tonight's meeting. Tom seconded. Passed with no opposition.
3. Notes on minutes
  - a. 12.a. Strike it from the minutes.
  - b. 14. Adjourn.
  - c. 3a. Town Counsel, not council.
4. Kris made a motion to approve minutes. Matt seconded. Two abstentions (Kristin and Matt). None opposed.
5. Bob asked why CPCNH's target utility rate is the default utility, not Direct Energy.
  - a. Rick clarified that if a homeowner is on a third party supplier then they won't be automatically switched to another supplier when the town launches.
6. Rick said we cannot overlook the broker option for community power, which is a "competitor" of CPCNH.
  - a. If Brentwood were to go with Freedom Energy, then Freedom Energy would work with different power brokers to get a better rate.
  - b. They run analytical models and come back to a town with a quote for projected energy rates.
  - c. They also have a fee.
7. CPCNH is still finalizing their cost sharing agreement.
  - a. They're considering requiring a member of the coalition to sign the cost sharing agreement by a certain deadline, even if they go through a broker for a supplier.
8. Decided to postpone reviewing item III of the draft.
9. Kris' comments on electric aggregation plan.
  - a. Page 1. What year will the plan launch?
  - b. "Fiscal Stability and Financial Reserves-" Kris isn't sure that development of local energy resources counts as fiscal responsibility and financial reserves.
    - i. It could count if the local energy resource is owned by the town, not individual residents.
10. Discussion on how to edit the EAP.
  - a. Track changes in word document?
11. Going forward, future meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The next meeting will be on 2/15/23 at 7pm.
12. Energy efficiency-
  - a. Library is interested in going forward with a Level One Energy Audit, which would be conducted by Eversource.

- b. Tom reached out to a representative of SAU16 regarding an energy audit of the elementary school. He's waiting to hear from someone higher up the chain of command.
  - c. All buildings should be informed ahead of time of the upcoming energy audits, once scheduled.
    - i. Which buildings? Town office, fire station, recreation department, highway department, library, historic building, school.
  - d. The most cost effective changes are lighting.
13. The Selectboard will have to approve doing energy audits before we can move forward. Tom will go to the next Selectboard meeting.
14. Rick has a meeting scheduled with SAU16 administration and Swazey School Board regarding a solar project for the school.
- a. Rick will also bring up doing an energy audit at the school during the meeting.
15. Kris has an equipment fuel inventory schedule spreadsheet that she can share with Karen.
- a. Phase one is a simple fuel inventory.
  - b. The end game is to have a complete picture of fuel needs.
  - c. What do departments currently do/ what is their process? Neighboring towns might have emergency storage that we could access.
  - d. How much supply do we have during an emergency?
16. Kristin provided information regarding end of life disposal of hazardous waste, including solar modules.
- a. Information available at [www.productstewardship.us](http://www.productstewardship.us)
17. Matt made a motion to adjourn at 8:27pm. Tom seconded. Passed with no opposition.