

Bradford Climate and Energy Commission

Minutes for Tuesday December 5th, 6:30 PM via ZOOM

In attendance: Ed Wendell, Elizabeth Towles, Tom McBride, Nancy Jones, Susanna Lewis and Visitor, Jeff Grout (TRORC)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4739957902>

Public comment: None

MERP update: Jeff Grout summarized what to expect at the upcoming December 15th assessment of the BA to be performed by Cx Assoc., an engineering firm from S. Burlington. Jeff emphasized that anything MERP might fund down the road ought to be mentioned in the report (weatherization and heating and ventilation system needs, and consideration of options). Ventilation needs may not need emphasis at present unless there is some evident problem. With respect to reducing fossil fuel usage, Jeff noted that other regional commissions have elected wood pellet or biofuel solutions that may not be ideal for the BA. There was an audit of the BA twelve years ago that emphasized the need for insulation, and some of the recommended improvements have been acted upon. There will be a new blower door test, and the assessment will cover some alternatives and ideas rather than a detailed quote. Tom and several other BCEC members, in addition to Jeff Grout, will attend.

WindowDressers: Susanna gave a recap of November's WindowDresser workshop. Thirty-two households were served, ten from Bradford and West Fairlee and the remainder from surrounding towns in Vermont and New Hampshire. Twenty-two percent overall, and 40% from Bradford/West Fairlee of these customers received subsidies. There was a great turnout of volunteers, and in general the event went well. A trial service involving "boxing in" windows that otherwise would not accommodate inserts was supported by a Grass Roots grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund. Next year we might want to consider a larger venue, because the Fire Station, though very convenient, is small if we want to scale it up.

Bylaws: Tom reported there have been some changes as required by the Selectboard and the Bylaws will be voted on at the next Selectboard meeting (December 13th)

Police Department Cruiser: The desirability of submitting a letter from the BCEC to the Selectboard in favor of acquisition of a new, hybrid cruiser by the Police Department was discussed and affirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.