

# East Montpelier Energy Committee

## Meeting Minutes Draft – July 23, 2024-- Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

### 1) Attendees

- a) Ben McCall (facilitator)
  - b) Andy Shapiro (secretary)
  - c) Stephen Miracle
  - d) Emily Levin
  - e) Public: Celina Barton (on planning commission)
  - f) Public: Craig Altemose (from Bloc Power)
- 2) Craig Altemose and Celina Barton re decarbonization: Celina excited about the possibility of Bloc Pow3er working with East Montpelier. They do mapping, electrification management, no up front financing – one stop shop, planning to finish of full electrification. For municipalities: Discover, Design, Deploy Have lots of data to work with. They do workforce development.
  - 3) Agenda approved.
  - 4) Committee approved June 11, 2023 meeting minutes.
  - 5) Steve went to thermal energy network meeting. Promoting gathering buildings onto a common borehole field. No solution for folks with high bills and lower incomes
  - 6) Two members of public. Celina says “good work team!” And she offers to help
  - 7) Updates: Selectboard seems to be moving forward with a good wood efficient building and ground source heat pump with solar electric for the Town Garage, and they are thinking of putting a vote for a bond in November
  - 8) Emily: grant RFP: Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grants for Municipalities 5-20-2024. Could it be used to engage Bloc Power for a pilot in E. Montpelier? Celina and Emily to look into how a grant could be put together. Ben will schedule a special meeting to consider moving forward or not.
  - 9) Capital improvement suggestions:
    - a) Connecting lower and upper villages, nicely put together by Dan Costin. Approved by committee.
    - b) PV array on Town Office to offset building electricity use.
  - 10) Next meeting will be a special meeting in the week of July 28. Exact date TBD
  - 11) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM