

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2022

ATTENDEES

Jeremy Grip - Chair
Cheryl Brinkman - member
James Dayton - member
Maddison Shropshire - ACRPC
Robert West

Sally Burrell
Sam Lash
Richard Faesy
Jean Terwilliger
Kurt Haigis

AGENDA

6:32 pm - Call to Order

- Melissa Elander, from [Clean Energy NH](#), provided a presentation on the North Country Circuit Rider Program. This program acts to enable communities in the North Country to identify opportunities for energy efficiency, apply for, and manage relevant grants. It could act as a model for interested communities in Addison County to hire a shared staff person to pursue similar projects. This may be good timing with the upcoming MERP assessment results identifying potential projects. Melissa's presentation can be found [here](#).
- Review of [March 2023 Minutes](#). Cheryl moves to approve; Jeremy seconds; all in favor.
- Misc. Energy Topics
 - o EECBG project search - ACRPC is working with the county side judges to negotiate who will apply for [EECBG](#) allocation funding for the county. If ACRPC becomes the grant recipient, there will be ~\$70,000 available for a wide range of

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energy efficiency projects. Maddi will bring a list of project ideas to the May committee meeting for discussion and others are welcome to do the same.

- o Act 174 Updates - The public service department has run into several issues in developing the updated regional LEAP models. However, we do have an updated generation scenarios tool to support the RPC in allocating how much distributed generation each of our towns is capable of and responsible for in the future. We also have updated energy maps at this time. Once all of the required materials have been provided, the committee will need to begin thinking about an update to the regional enhanced energy plan.
- o Solar workshop #2 - the second workshop related to municipal solar development covered the use of the public Act 174 energy mapping tool. A [recording](#) of the workshop and [slide deck](#) are both available on the CVRPC [website](#).
- o Energy score cards - Ferrisburgh's energy scorecard was recently featured in the Addison Independent and has generated increased interest from community members. Maddi will be enlisting help from Zach, ACRPC's AmeriCorps member to develop an update to the scorecards once the LEAP model data is available.
- o Q+A for MERP - none

7:50 pm - Adjourn

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