

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2023

ATTENDEES

Ross Conrad - member

Cheryl Brinkman - member

Maddison Shropshire - ACRPC

Rebecca Dalgin - CEAC

Robert West

Sally Burrell

Jean Terwilliger

Linda Larabee

A recording of this meeting is [available at this link](#). The recording was started just a few minutes into the presentation on the EECBG program.

AGENDA

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

- Review of [April 2023 Minutes](#)
 - The minutes from the April committee meeting were not reviewed due to a lack of a quorum.
- [Presentation](#) on EECBG program, and potential projects.
 - Maddi presented the potential uses of EECBG funding generated from community input to the committee. This program will provide about \$70,000 in energy funding to the Addison region through the county courts and the RPC. ACRPC will be managing the grant with the understanding that some portion of the funding will be put towards an energy audit of the sheriff's office and recommended improvements. However, a majority of the funding will be available for community projects.
 - Rebecca Dalgin, CEAC, presented on the CEAC Energy Navigator program proposal which is intended to support residents who need help understanding their energy audit and taking next steps, as well as the resources available to them.

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- Based on discussion from those present, the preferred use of funds from the EECBG program would be to support reduced rate or no cost energy audits for Addison County residents. In addition, some portion of the funding would be made available to CEAC to assist the organization in developing the Energy Navigator program.
- Discussion of municipal utility data tracking options
 - Maddi presented her research into various utility data tracking software platforms that would allow towns and the region to assess the costs and benefits of energy retrofits without additional administrative burden. Many options are capable of automatically collecting and organizing utility data without manual entry which would reduce the time spent in preparing for future energy audits. Interviewed software options and collected quotes are [available here](#). ACRPC has available funds through the MERP program to support the use of such a software for the first few years, but towns would eventually need to take on the responsibility of payment for these services.
- Review of Act 174 data products and next steps.
 - Maddi presented on the new resources available through the Public Service Department to update the enhanced energy plans. ACRPC does not need to update its EEP for another year, however, there is upcoming funding and incentives to participate in an EEP update in the next 6 months to a year.
 - [Generation scenarios tool](#)
 - [LEAP model data](#)
 - [Map tool](#)
- MERP Q&A
 - Maddi provided a short update on MERP assessment applications and answered questions around the timing and process of the application.

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- Other Business
 - Cheryl promoted the Vergennes/Ferrisburgh Energy Fair on July 15th
 - Maddi mentioned that if the committee was interested in creating a regional energy fair in 2024, now would be a good time to begin the planning process.

6:32 pm - Adjourn

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