

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

ATTENDEES

Cheryl Brinkman - Chair
Edward Payne - Member
Jeremy Grip - Member
Jamie Dayton - Member
Sally Burrell

Susan Smiley
Kurt Haigis
Tom Perry
Ellie New - VT Community Thermal Network
Debbie New - VT Community Thermal Network

AGENDA

5:06 pm - Call to Order

- Presentation from Debbie New, [Vermont Community Thermal Network](https://www.vctn.org). The recording of this presentation can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/XiGRvsb-XGI>. Other presented resources include:
 - Case studies: <https://www.vctn.org/case-studies>
 - Current thermal networks legislation: <https://www.vctn.org/policy>
 - Thermal Networks Toolkit: <https://www.vctn.org/toolkit>
 - Simpler toolkit option: <https://www.vctn.org/getting-started-resource>
- Review of [February 2024 Minutes](#)
 - Jeremy moved to approve the minutes; Jamie seconds; all in favor.
- Enhanced Energy Planning (EEP) Discussion
 - The committee agreed to meet separately to kick off enhanced energy plan updates on March 25th online. Meeting invitation to follow.
 - Energy Fair - Cheryl and Maddi will recruit ACRPC staff/ ECO to pursue an October energy event in Vergennes.
- Misc. Energy Updates
 - CRPG - survey closes on March 21st - ACRPC has a good showing. Thanks to all who have participated.
 - Panton enhanced energy plan is currently being used in negotiations over a 50 MW solar system proposed outside the preferred solar area identified in the plan. This is an excellent example of how an EEP can help get a town a seat at the table for projects like this.

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- MERP - Assessments are ongoing but BGS is looking for additional assessors to help speed up the process. Reports are now being quoted at 8-12 week turnaround rather than the original 6-8 weeks. ACRPC towns should still have reports in plenty of time to apply for implementation grants in late summer.

6:18 pm - Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jamie.

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