



**IREC Steering Committee Meeting  
APPROVED Minutes  
November 4, 2021 via Zoom**

**Present:** Elizabeth Ferry - Barnard; Linda Gray – Norwich; Ryan Haac – Sharon; David Lutz – Strafford; Erica Ko - Thetford; Neal Leitner - Woodstock; Nancy Jones – Bradford; Geoff Martin – TRORC

**1. Additions/changes to agenda**

Add informal discussion while waiting for participants to join to future meeting agendas.

**2. Approve minutes for 10.7.21**

Discussion & approved.

**3. IREC Climate Action Plan**

Geoff shared Action Plan Table he patterned after Climate Council document.

- 2025 Goal & 2030 Goal need metrics & data to complete.
- Timeline estimated (Prioritization needed).
- Most items are no cost or low cost to Towns.

Geoff asked if columns make sense, or if more info is needed?

- Who is responsible for each action (change this to “initiator”; include “closers” – e.g., Selectboard or voters).
- Need to add Action Type, i.e., policy, project, study, planning.

Linda proposed

- Different colors for who is responsible: i.e., Resident Actions; Business Actions; Municipal Actions.
- Group or person who does promotion is responsible for the action.

Question raised: Is this meant to be a guideline for Steering Committee/Energy Committees?  
Not a hand-out to residents?

Geoff – Intentionally did not include municipal infrastructure in this plan.

Erica Proposed: Schools should be included in this document.

Linda questioned:

- Can Towns actually incentivize positive green actions?

- Drop actions from the Plan that Towns are not actually allowed to do.

All were asked to send Geoff comments regarding the document.

The Steering Committee is not ready to share this document with Energy Committees yet.

Erica proposed: Share with Mary Bryant and Alice Stewart, who were progenitors of this idea/project, for feedback prior to sharing with Energy Committees.

Next Draft will be ready to share.

#### **4. Updates**

- a. Barnard Update (Elizabeth)** – Barnard chose not to do Energy Audits by EEI, but relied on walk-throughs done by Geoff; Town is on the verge of completing weatherization work in the Barnard Town Hall.
- b. Capital Investment Grant Program (Ryan)** – Publicly available ARPA Funds w. 50% match; use link in Agenda; these are funds that are additional to funds assigned to each town.
- c. ARPA Weatherization Funds** N/A

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Jones, Acting Secretary