



**IREC Steering Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES of November 14, 2023 Meeting**

Present: Jeff Grout, Linda Gray, Ryan Haac, Nancy Jones, Erica Ko, Jenevra Wetmore, David Lutz

**1. Welcome!**

**2. Discuss/Approve minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting.**

Ryan requested one wording change and then were approved.

**Action:** Jeff will post to DropBox.

**3. MERP Assessment update.**

All IREC towns except Thetford have been approved for an IREC assessment. Thetford applied late for the Town Hall and the Town Garage.

We also discussed any FY MERP Mini Grant budget/reporting constraints.

Next round of assessments awards should be announced today (Jeff will share any news).

Blower door test during assessment needs to be done when building is not occupied (i.e., not Fridays).

**Action:** Jeff will follow up regarding MERP Mini-grants and about new MERP assessment scheduling

**4. EV and EVSE**

Three EV chargers at Denny Park in Bradford are operational. Nancy noted that every day since the ribbon cutting, there has been someone there charging!

One level two and two existing DC Fast chargers (50 kW). Four more chargers (150 kW) are planned as part of a NEVI grant – “superchargers.” Additionally, Sharon was identified as a high priority site for NEVI.

New grant for municipal and commercial fleets but only \$2500 per vehicle. Bradford is considering a hybrid or EV police cruiser (they already have one hybrid). Also, Bradford Parks and Rec got an EV snow blower.

**Action:** Gather information on grants for police cruisers and other municipal vehicles. See what IREC / surrounding towns have in the area. Consider special meeting for this. IREC Steering Committee members to pass any relevant info to Jeff.

**5. Discussion - VT Building Energy Code Study Committee Report – proposed**

Vermont got a grant how to study energy co-compliance (with a committee) that

They are looking to:

- Identify current compliance issue
- Proposing that they need to have a single authority (Dpt of Fire Safety – current config of this department would not allow it)

Hoping that Steering Committee members could sign on to an open letter to the committee.

No mandatory requirement for builders or folks working in the field and leaves it voluntary, which will not lead to adoption of improved compliance. The sub-committee is looking to gain an endorsement from the group (not TRORC) to pass along these comments. All members of the Steering Committee were comfortable with the sub-group submitting comments to the working group.



**6. IREC FY-2024 funding**

Funding letters sent last week (FY2025).

Bradford EC (Bradford Climate and Energy Commission) – will be included in their budget. Most towns are expecting to have the position funded for the next FY.

**7. Solar / Community solar**

Jeff planning on speaking to a professional about community solar updates RE: Sharon Sungen Solar. David suggested that it could be owned collectively by ~400 households that could potentially each receive revenue from the array every month from GMP (though GMP may not be able to manage this). More discussion next time.

Next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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