

The Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee working group BERDO met remotely via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024.

The following members and staff were present: Brian Hebeisen (chair), Silas Fyler (Energy Manager), Pat Rathbone, Jocelyn Tager.

Others present:

The meeting started with a quorum at 5:30 with Brian Hebeisen presiding.

1) Announcements

2) Status Overview of the States BER

The Committee discussed the State's building and energy reporting BER) program. The State's program will come out in draft in August / September. The public data provided will not work with Watertown's BERDO as we will need all the meters data to apportion the emissions amounts. The state will announce in March of 2025 the buildings that will be required to report for the 2024 data. They will automatically collect all meter data from the utilities.

3) Review of the BERDO Draft Regulations

Before a detailed review of the regulations the Committee discussed definitions that had come to light that might be different. Specifically, the use of "Portfolio of Buildings versus Campus" The issue of campuses has been discussed before but after looking at Portfolio Manager a Campus is only buildings on the same parcel. Since the committee has accepted parcels as definition for Covered Building should we accept Campuses. Decided to hold for now on campuses and to not accept Portfolio of Buildings as that was the common understanding of what a Campus was before this meeting.

Regulations had a requirement for only solar PV in Boston after 2024. Committee reconfirmed that Solar PV will be accepted anywhere in Massachusetts.

Discussed section 4.1.3 of regulations for self-verification of data. The concern was with owners having to verify data reported by utilities. Committee decided to keep as is.

4) Decided next meeting will be 5:30pm on 6/27/24 and another on 7/1/24 at 5pm

5) Move to adjourn at 7:00 pm

All approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Silas Fyler