

The Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee working group BERDO met remotely via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024.

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

Others present:

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

1) Announcements

2) Procedure for moving Regulations Forward.

City Managers has requested to have draft regulations for the BERDO before presenting to the City Council. While there was some disagreement the final decision was to have Silas Fyler write up a draft and then to discuss the details of the draft in future meetings. Some of the comments gathered from other cities is that this is premature to create a draft regulation before city council has reviewed the BERDO. Cambridge recommended not to do a regulation until the ordinance is passed. Brian voice his disagreement with the process but felt that city manager has the right to request. Ernesta agreed with Brian. Jolly thought this might be good sign as it is possible, that they expect it to pass. Silas thinks July 1st would be good time to have a draft version of the BERDO to city manager.

Silas said that he needs a least a man hour week to complete first draft of regulations.

Some items discussed were:

Review board is for special cases and not every special case has to be in regulation

What is a vacant building

The other request from the city manager is to have Silas Fyler work with the Charles Rivers Chamber to get three sample live buildings to present likely outcomes to the City Council.

3) Decided next meeting will be 5:30pm on 6/11/24, and 6:00pm on 6/18/24pm

4) Move to adjourn at 6:00 pm

All approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Silas Fyler