

The Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee working group BERDO met remotely via Zoom at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 15th, 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 5:00 with Brian Hebeisen presiding.

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**1) Announcements**

Planned meeting on 3/14/24 was canceled and rescheduled to 3/15/24 due to posting agenda timeframe.

**2) Draft BERDO v1.0**

Timeline did not allow for version 1.1 of draft BERDO to be created by today. Discussion of where this new version would be best submitted. Decision to ask WE3C if we can make final change to BERDO post their potential approval at WE3C meeting since it is more formatting than functional changes. The good to have changes will have to wait for discussions at City Council and sub committees.

**3) Reviewed Presentation of the BERDO with comments on best topics to bring up in each page.**

Items discussed:

- Aggressive timeline for buildings over 100,000 sqft
- In general, the aggressive timelines for other buildings
- City Climate Emergency Declaration and the Climate Energy Plan
- The small number of buildings and the effect they are having on the city building stock GHG and City overall GHG.
- Items to color to emphasize the point on each page.
- Add Energy Staff to Planning Staff
- What if timeline changes for BERDO and how will this effect the goal of carbon neutral by 2050

**4) Move to adjourn at 7:03 pm**

All approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Silas Fyler