

The Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee working group BERDO met remotely via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

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

Others present: Marcia Ciro

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

1) Announcements -- Next meeting of WE3C working group BERDO will be Friday February 23, 2024.

- Discussion of the Open Meeting Law and process going forward for the working group with Zoom.

2) BERDO Comparison with Boston BERDO

- Discussion of Deferral ACPs and approach Watertown should take. Decided that deferral ACPs are already covered under the deferral option by the Review group.
- Decided that CCA is not required for purchase of ACPS.
- Agreed to not sunset REC's at a future date, but should be reviewed in future review of the BERDO.
- Remove definition of ACP funds use description in definition section as it was covered in the Equitable Emission Fund section.
- Agreed to update the New Covered Property definition from 2018 to 2025.
- Reviewed definition of renewable energy versus renewable electricity and where we need to make BERDO consistent.
- Decided that municipal staff member should not be a voting member of the Review Board.
- Decided that while we are not required reporting of water use, we will keep it in the end of year report.
- Reorganized the definition of hardship plans versus description section. Reviewed that hardship plans can go beyond 2050 where Deferred plans cannot.

3) Move to adjourn at 7:05.

All ayes/approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Silas Fyler