

The Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee working group BERDO met remotely via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024.

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

Others present:

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

1) Announcements

- The next two meetings of WE3C working group BERDO will be :
 - Thursday February 29th, 2024 at 4:30pm.
 - Friday March 1st, 2024 at 5:30pm

2) BERDO Outstanding Questions

- Discussion of municipal building sizes related to maximum building size the City should report. North Fire Station is only 3,400 sqft and should be included. There are only three municipal buildings smaller than North Fire Station (north branch library, moxley field house, Ridgelawn cemetery). Decided to include all municipal buildings in the BERDO.
- Leave the word “small” in the whereas clause “small number of large buildings contribute”
- Discussion of PPA’s cannot be outside our local grid. Decided to keep wording on PPA’s as well as not having a sunset clause. Consider review on future BERDO update.
- Decide to drop the requirement for the Review Board to get emergency rule requirement update from city council within a year. Review board cannot make emergency rule changes.
- Decided to not worry about back charging building from cars as this is a low impact on EUI / GHG.
- Silas will review EUI definitions as related to definition of building size. Gross floor area or finished area.
- Pat will look at rewording the Summary Statistics on Accuracy section (DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF BENCHMARKING INFORMATION, 3b), as it is confusing.

3) Move to adjourn at 7:15.

All ayes/approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Silas Fyler