



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

*5.c. Council Discussion on 2023 EE Planning Timeline & Potential Vote on July 2022 EERMC Meeting Date*

Key Discussion Question(s): July 2022 Meeting Date

1. Does moving the July meeting allow for better Council meeting preparation?
2. If the July meeting moves back, does that have other impacts on the planning timeline?
3. Would Council members be able to review meeting materials from the Consultant Team in less than a week and feel prepared? Should they have to?

**Recommended vote language options:**

A motion to move the July 21, 2022 EERMC Full Council meeting back one week to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to allow the Council to properly review materials and prepare for discussion on the first draft 2023 Energy Efficiency Plan.

*6.a. Council Discussion & Potential Vote on 2022 URI Farm Energy Fellow Funding*

Key Discussion Question(s): 2022 Farm Energy Fellow Funding

1. Is the funding allocation recommendation reasonable and affordable for the Council?
2. Will the recommendation help to support the Council's responsibility on energy public education?

**Recommended vote language:**

A motion to allocate an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 from the Council's 2022 Public Education funds to support a Farm Energy Fellow this year. This funding will be leveraged with \$2,500 in additional funding from OER and the Council directs OER to manage the Energy Fellow and ensure completion of the deliverables as defined in the justification document.

*6.b. Discussion & Vote on 2021 Legal Services Budget Allocation*

Key Discussion Question(s): 2021 Legal Services Budget Allocation

1. Were the expenses incurred in 2021 appropriate and reasonable?
2. Does the Council have enough funds to cover these costs?

**Recommended vote language:**

*Approval of budget increase:* A motion to approve the requested \$14,271.80 increase to the 2021 Legal Services budget allocation in order to cover larger than expected costs incurred at the end of 2021 in association with the proceedings in Docket 5189.

*Not approve budget increase:* A motion not to approve the requested budget increase for 2021 legal services and direct OER to pay for services completed up to, but not in excess of, the previously approved budget cap of \$46,400

*6.c. Council Discussion & Vote on 2022 Consultant Team Budget Allocation*

Key Discussion Question(s): 2022 Consultant Budget Allocation

1. Was the work performed in service of core Council needs?
2. Were the expenses incurred in 2021 appropriate and reasonable?
3. Does the Council have enough funds to cover these costs?

**Recommended vote language:**

*Approval of the budget increase:* A motion to approve the requested \$24,420.90 increase to the 2021 Consultant Team budget in order to cover larger than expected costs incurred at the end of 2021 in association with the proceedings in Docket 5189.

*Not approve budget increase:* A motion not to approve the requested \$24,420.90 budget increase for 2021 Consultant Team services and direct OER to pay for services completed up to, but not in excess of, the previously approved budget cap.