

**Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of August 12, 2019
Wellfleet Council on Aging
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green, Robert Shapiro, Gorham Bingham, Carol Magenau and Suzanne Ryan

Finance Committee liaison: Jeffery Tash

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

A request to tape record the meeting by Lilli-Ann Green was made and the request was granted by the Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee (WECAC) Chair, Elkin.

BUSINESS

Discussion of liaisons with other committees: The liaisons were discussed and the list at this point is as follows:

Health Committee: Richard Elkin

Planning Committee: David Mead-Fox

Conservation Commission: John Cumbler

Finance Committee: Jeff Tash

Recycling Committee: Carol Magenau

Building Needs Assessment Committee: Suzanne Ryan

Open Space Committee: John Cumbler

Shellfish Committee: Charles Cole

Friends of Herring River: Richard Elkin

Global Covenant of Mayors: Robert Shapiro

Barnstable County: Lilli-Ann Green

Large solar array update: Elkin updated the committee. Ameresco submitted final PILOT agreement. The easement agreement for Eversource to connect the electricity to the solar panels has been signed by the Town Administrator who has the authority to do so. Elkin has asked the Selectboard to vote on the easement agreement also. Wellfleet will be in Block 1. The next steps are the Building Permit needs to be signed by the Town Administrator and Ameresco. The electric permit will be available in a few weeks. Cole asked and the answer is that the plan is for the groundbreaking to take place this fall and the solar array to be operational in January.

Motion: Green moved to approve placing a sign at the site of the solar array with details describing the installation capacity and benefits to the town of the solar array, if possible from a zoning standpoint. Ryan seconded. The motion carried 7-0

Approval of minutes:

Motion: Elkin moved to approve minutes as submitted. Cole seconded. The motion carried 7-0

Mass Energy Insight Program Progress: Shapiro updated the committee. The group is in the process of collecting the second round of data. Magenau and Ryan are analyzing the data and comparing it to the data collected one year ago. Ryan and Magenau will hold a meeting with Department of Public Works during the week ahead.

One Cape Summit discussion: Elkin and Green presented an overview. Elkin talked about how the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) is trying to keep track of energy in Barnstable County and touted the data collection process Shapiro and the team are involved with. The CCC is working with Shapiro to streamline the process, help collect hard to collect data, and develop resources for other Barnstable County towns. Green spoke about the resources the CCC has developed for the towns to use including online resources. She suggested committee members review the CCC resources and the slides from the Summit sessions that are online for anyone to view.

Outer Cape Energize Update: There are 4 free solar array systems available to non-profit organizations. The projects must be 25-250 kw each. Elkin is working with Outer Cape Health as they may be interested. Green is setting up a meeting with Cape Cod National Seashore as they have expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of solar panels at the headquarters maintenance area building. Ryan has talked with the Historical Society and will follow up given the information from Elkin regarding a possible lack of power connection and size constraints.

Review of discussion with the administration on climate action grant environment: Magenau gave an update. She and Ryan met with the Town Administrator, Daniel Hoort. No one is in charge of writing grants for the town regarding these matters. If department heads speak to him, he works with them to find a solution. Ryan asked Hoort about Elkin's idea to write a grant to hire an engineering consultant to study the vulnerable areas of the town regarding climate change and provide a report with recommendations. Hoort thought this could be a good idea. Ryan talked about determining a need and finding ways to implement solutions. Green suggested a survey instrument for the town department heads and other key town leaders in order to gather information. Tash questioned moving in the direction of hiring any personnel. Other committee members expressed interest in keeping costs at a minimum and writing grants to cover the costs of next steps. Green stated that once we have more specifics, it is possible to ask the Selectboard to authorize working with a grant writer at Barnstable County. She is willing to take the lead on this at the appropriate time. Tash suggested working with the Community Development Partnership. They may have resources to help and may have the ability to identify grant sources as well as facilitate seminars. Bingham asked about information regarding County and State resources, how the funding is prioritized and how it's allocated. Ryan and Magenau will meet with Department of Public Works and the Health Department. They will also explore the ideas presented.

Review correspondence: None

New Business: The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on September 9th at the Council on Aging.

Old Business: None

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Magenau seconded. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilli Ann Green
Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary