

Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes for 21 July 2022

Remote Participation

Present: Dick Elkin (Chair), Carol Magenau, Suzanne Ryan-Ishkanian, Robert Shapiro

The meeting was called to order by Chair Elkin at 7:19 PM.

The meeting was recorded.

BUSINESS

Energy & Climate Committees of the Cape & Islands [ECCCI] Elkin brought up for discussion the action items from the July 7 meeting, attended by Magenau and Green. These included the stretch code and electric buses. Ryan-Ishkanian's letter to Paul Hilton, director of the Cape Cod Collaborative, urging the Collaborative to apply for funds for **electric school buses**, was shared at the ECCCI meeting in hopes that other towns would follow suit. Ryan-Ishkanian reported that the Eastham Climate Action Committee has sent a letter, and the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative is posting it on their website. Elkin stated that we should ask the Selectboard to send a letter, and Ryan-Ishkanian agreed to do this. Magenau reported that she had sent the letter to the chair of the Wellfleet Elementary School Committee, but they are not meeting again until fall. Ryan-Ishkanian also sent the letter to the Elementary School principal but has not heard back.

Elkin discussed the opt-in "special" **stretch code** which will likely be on the Town warrant for fall 2023.

Magenau reported that the **Green Communities program** is holding a webinar and accepting comments about recasting the program as "Climate Leaders 2.0." She will send out the address for the ECCCI website which has a link to this.

Magenau also reported on an effective presentation made by the Chatham climate committee to their Selectboard citing **projected losses from sea level rise** and identifying six action areas. This presentation was based on the Cape Cod Commission's report entitled *Economic Impacts of Climate Change on Cape Cod*. Magenau suggested we might want to do a similar presentation to our Selectboard.

Elkin said he would put a link to the **ECCCI website** from our committee website.

Meeting with Town Administrator(s) Elkin said that TA Rich Waldo, and possibly ATA Rebecca Roughley, we hope will come to the August 18 meeting. Magenau and Ryan-Ishkanian will put together and circulate to members a list of discussion items to be given to TA Waldo in advance.

Global Covenant of Mayors Shapiro reported that he is working on our submission, but the level of detail required is very challenging. Magenau will supply a link to the current Hazard Mitigation Plan on the town website, and will try to figure out who can update it so it no longer says "draft."

Climate Action Workshops. Elkin described the three climate change workshops he presented for Am Hayam: conservation and electrifying home heating, electric cars, and solar power. Concerning a possible 4th session on food/agriculture, Elkin believes the timeframe for making changes to our food system is 20 years out. Shapiro raised the question of the effect of climate change on the shellfish industry. Magenau thinks this is addressed in the CC Commission's report on economic impacts cited earlier. Elkin thinks we should have a conversation with the shellfish constable about the impact of climate change and what we have done about it. Elkin has reserved dates at the Library to present the three workshops.

Election of officers Elkin made a **motion** to elect a slate of himself as Chair, Ryan-Ishkanian as Vice-Chair, and Green as Secretary. Shapiro seconded; vote was 4-0-0 in favor.

Shapiro left the meeting, so it was adjourned due to a lack of quorum at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Magenau

Carol [Mary C.] Magenau, acting as Secretary