

Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2020
Remote Participation
7:00 p.m.

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

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

This Zoom meeting was recorded and posted on Town website.

BUSINESS

Review of rules for remote participation under open meeting law (OML): Elkin gave an introduction to Open Meeting Law and Zoom meeting remote participation. He stated a roll call vote must be taken.

Approval of minutes:

Motion: Magenau moved to approve minutes as submitted¹. Cole seconded. The motion carried 7-0

Global Covenant of Mayors/Green Community Act reporting: Shapiro reported that he has entered a new submission. It lacks information regarding the gasoline usage of the police force but he thinks this information is forthcoming. The information is needed by the end of December. The Mass Energy Insight database is being updated by Cape Light Compact (CLC). Shapiro thinks the information he is looking for will be in that report. Magenau will follow up with CLC to find out who writes the report, if the Town Administrator needs to sign off on the report and when the report needs to be sent out.

Discussion of Town Meeting (TM) vote on Article 17: The article passed. Magenau stated that the article voted on had language that was not as specific as the language written and submitted by this committee. The matching monies can be used by other entities. Ryan reported that there was anticipated monies needed for a matching amount for the Municipal Vulnerabilites Program (MVP) grant for low lying roads projected in the monies requested in the warrant article. She was recently told that the grant was not accepted. The Cape Cod Commission (CCC) is looking for another funding source which may or may not require a match.

Discussion and review of grant proposal status: Ryan updated the committee. The Economic Development Administration grant has been approved but it was contingent upon the MVP grant that was recently not approved. The grant strategy and goals hinge upon a new source of funding. Ryan and Magenau will meet with the CCC this week to discuss.

Discussion of TM vote on Article 25: The article passed with some language revisions.

Discussion of new Nauset Regional High School building: Elkin has contacted the Brewster Energy Committee and SelectBoard in Brewster.

Review of implications of new pending state legislation: Elkin suggested reaching out to the conference committee that is working the differences of an energy bill that the house and an energy bill

that the senate approved and are now very different. His idea is to ask legislators if they can include in the bill they are working on, a plan for applicants for a new school to submit documentation as to how the building will meet proposed guidelines. The consensus of the committee is that Elkin send a letter to the conference committee on behalf of the energy and climate action committee that is posed as a question. Elkin will email committee members a draft of the letter in the next several days.

Joint possible actions with other energy committees: Elkin is communicating with Orleans and Brewster regarding the high school.

Discussion of community outreach program for 2021 – Outer Cape Energize: No new information.

Status of PV array on landfill: No new information.

Committee liaison: No new information.

[Shapiro left the meeting – 7:45 pm]

Effort for consolidation of billing from town meters: Brigham has not received feedback on the consolidated bill sample at this time from the town. Elkin suggested that Brigham reach out to his contact at Eversource to make sure that under the SMART program the town doesn't need to allocate credits in advance and if the estimation is wrong, the town would lose credits.

Request for future agenda topics: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Green asked about an innovative septic system as part of a committee project. No one had further information. The next meeting will be held on October 19 at 7:00 pm.

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

¹ Minutes