

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of September 17, 2015
Council on Aging
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green, Richard Elkin and Jeffrey Tash

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

BUSINESS

Minutes of the August 8, 2015 meeting¹:

Motion: Green moved to accept minutes with as emailed with agenda of meeting. Seconded by Tash. The motion carried 4-0.

Large Solar Array Update: Elkin met with Assistant Town Administrator, Brian Carlson. A draft Request for Proposal (RFP) has been prepared and is being reviewed prior to sending out to potential vendors. There are four viable sites that vendors will evaluate and make recommendations for including costs for each site. Tash asked for a projected timeline. Elkin stated that the goal is to pick a vendor and prepare a contract agreeable to both parties by January 15th because Town Meeting will need to approve a plan moving forward. Green asked for explanation of the process. Elkin stated that the town has a process and it involves a committee comprised of Carlson and at least two people from WEC who will evaluate the proposals from potential vendors. Elkin will email WEC members the draft RFP for feedback and approval at next meeting. Tash questioned how to identify the viability of the vendor including will they be around for the next 20 years. Green stated that Mashpee may have good evaluation criteria. Elkin will follow up with Mashpee to obtain this information if possible.

Designation Grant Update: Green met with Carlson. He has submitted a grant for \$136,000 to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) which has been accepted by the person receiving the grant submission. Carlson will keep WEC informed as to the progress of the grant. A discussion was held as to the input of WEC regarding future energy efficiency grants. Energy saving shades for the Elementary School was discussed as an idea to advance for the next DOER grant. Elkin will ask if there are available grant monies from the Cape Light Compact (CLC) and what projects could be funded by CLC grants.

Website Update: Tash will meet with Elkin and work on the website later in the fall.

Correspondence: Elkin read on his mobile device a short part of an email recently received by Maggie Downey at CLC. Green submitted printed handout copies of an email letter received regarding CLC and the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative from Eric Bibler. The important points she emphasized are that the former Attorney General stated that CLC was charging rate payers an illegal tax and the email to CLC from Barry-Smith is limited to just that one issue, but there were other issues that the former Attorney General was looking into. Furthermore, the MA Inspector General is still looking into this whole situation.

Motion: Elkin moved that WEC not consider the letter by Eric Bibler. Green objected. This is correspondence she brought to the meeting as a handout. No second.

Motion: Elkin moved that WEC considers this letter to be total nonsense and WEC in no way endorses it. No second.

Elkin stated the letter from Bibler is on the record. Elkin further stated "my personal comment is Bibler is an idiot and he just repeats the same stuff over and over again and nothing he says is worth listening to" and requested that Green put that statement in the minutes. Green stated she wanted the following to be on the record: Eric Bibler has followed a very complex situation where many entities on Cape Cod have questioned what Cape Light Compact has done, including the former Attorney General. I am grateful to Eric Bibler for continuing to bring these matters and the issues forward. A discussion was held as to what the emails actually stated.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding the open positions on the WEC. All in attendance contributed to the conversation.

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Tash seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

¹ Draft Minutes of the 8-8-15 WEC

² Handout of email regarding CVEC