

**Wellfleet Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2016  
Council on Aging  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green and Vasilios Katsavrias

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 November 19, 2015 meeting<sup>1</sup>:**

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

**Committee Formation:** Elkin introduced the idea to create a committee. The committee is to be comprised of five members, Elkin, Cole, Green, Tash and Katsavrias. Elkin stated it would be positive if there is a posting of the Energy Committee meeting notices and the new committee for the same date and time. Since the Energy Committee has seven members and there are five positions filled, in order to have a quorum there must be four members in attendance. If it is not possible during a month to have a quorum, the new committee could meet. The name of the committee was agreed to be called the Renewable Energy Committee. Green stated she is not opposed to forming a separate committee but did some research to find that the Board of Selectmen (BoS) created the Energy Committee and selected a seven member committee. It was suggested at Town Hall a letter be written to the BoS requesting the number of Energy Committee members be reduced to five. This would solve the issue at hand. Holding a Renewable Energy Committee meeting instead of the Energy Committee meeting would limit what could be accomplished. Cole and Katsavrias expressed they were in favor of Elkin's proposal and also in favor of writing a letter to the BoS.

**Motion:** Elkin moved that the Wellfleet Energy Committee form a committee called the Renewable Energy Committee. Seconded by Katsavrias. The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion:** Elkin moved that Elkin write a letter to the BoS requesting to reduce the number of the Energy Committee from seven members to five members. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

**Large Solar Array Contract Status:** Elkin provided an overview of the proposed project to Katsavrias who was not in attendance at the last meeting. An off-Cape company plans to install solar panels on their large rooftop and has contacted Wellfleet to see if our town would like to enter into a contract to purchase the renewable energy credits. It is proposed to meet 100% of the town's energy and save the town approximately \$50,000 per year. Green spoke with the Town Administrator, Harry Terkanian earlier today. At that time he updated her about the status of the project and asked her to update the committee. The proposal is being reviewed by Town Council. It can be signed by the BoS without going to Town Meeting. Terkanian is concerned about several issues and has expressed he is inclined to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to determine the best case scenario for our town. Terkanian stated he thought it

was a good idea to present the proposal to the Finance Committee prior to the presenting to the BoS for a vote. Energy Committee members discussed the proposal.

**Energy Fair for 2016:** Green stated she is willing to organize the Energy Fair. Committee members stated mid-June is a good time. Green will check with the Council on Aging to see when the building is available and book the date of a Saturday in mid-June. It was determined the same format of vendors and speakers throughout the day was successful in 2015 and should be the model for 2016. Committee members were pleased with the collaboration with Elementary School and voiced their support to continue working with the school in 2016. Green will communicate with the school principal. Katsavrias stated he plans to exhibit and has identified a speaker he will ask to participate.

**Website Update:** No progress.

**Potential Committee Members:** All committee members have asked people in town they felt would be a positive addition to join the committee.

**Correspondence:** None

**New Business:** Next committee meeting will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** None.

**Motion:** Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Elkin seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

<sup>2</sup> Draft Minutes of the 10-26-15 WEC meeting