

**Wellfleet Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of April 24, 2014  
Council on Aging  
6:00 p.m.**

Requests to tape record the meeting by Lilli-Ann Green and Lawrence Franke were made and the requests were granted by the Wellfleet Energy Committee (WEC) Chair, Marcus Springer.

**Present:** Chair Marcus Springer, Lilli-Ann Green, Charles Cole, Richard Elkin, Vasilios Katsourias, Teresa Parker and Lawrence Franke

**Guests:** Betsy Cole

Chair Marcus Springer called the official meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

**Minutes of 01/27/14 meeting:** Springer had not updated revisions to minutes.

**Minutes of 03/17/14 meeting<sup>1</sup>:**

**Motion:** Green moved to accept the minutes. No second.

The minutes for the meeting were not voted on.

**Motion:** Springer moved that every attempt would be made for minutes to be disseminated within one to two weeks before the next meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

A discussion was held and it was the consensus that a draft of the meeting minutes would be completed as soon as possible following each meeting.

**Solarize Wellfleet. Update and Schedule:** Elkin gave an overview of the program. There is a high interest in the program and the installers are very busy with site visits and proposals. The amount of signed contracts has put Wellfleet at the Tier 3 level at this point in time. There have been an additional 120 property owners who are interested in the past 4 weeks. There are approximately 400 property owners who have expressed an interest in the program to date. Elkin may ask that there be a cut off of June 1 or June 15 for new leads so that the contracts can be signed by the end of June. There was debate on this suggestion as not all WEC members were in favor of this. Cotuit Solar is providing a lower cost PV panel based upon the volume of panels for our town. WEC members asked a number of questions regarding the installation process, timeline for installation of all panels in the Solarize program and potential discounts beyond Tier 5. Elkin responded to the questions. It takes 1-2 days for a typical installation. Approximately 16 systems can be installed by the vendors each month. The price incentives through MassCEC are in effect until the end of June. It may take up to one year to complete the installations in Wellfleet that are generated by the current leads. There are no further discounts beyond Tier 5 which is approximately 40 buildings. A discussion was held regarding Google Earth and the Mapdwell program regarding the determination of appropriate siting of PV panels.

**Solar Challenge – July through October 2014. Next steps and schedule:** Green has communicated with the solar vendors. All are interested. She also communicated with MassCEC. They are researching answers to her questions and will reply by the next meeting.

**Stretch Energy Code Town Warrant Article Update:** Springer stated he put together a one page document about the Stretch Energy Code Town Warrant Article. The handout was used at the Solar House tour. Green asked to see the document. Springer will email to Energy

Committee members. The Public Hearing on the Stretch Energy Code was held on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Springer will write the minutes of the hearing for approval at the Energy Committee in May. Springer will present the article at Town Meeting. A discussion was held regarding the article.

**Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency:** Green would like to work on a pamphlet that could be used in the town of Wellfleet. It could have numerous applications. Springer expressed an interest to work with her on this project. The consensus of the committee was to move forward with this project.

**Old Business:** Springer is working on the assessment of town buildings as per criterion 3 to establish an energy use baseline and develop a plan to reduce energy use by twenty percent (20%) within five (5) years as a requirement for being accepted as a Green Community by DOER. WEC members discussed town buildings that may be appropriate for solar panels.

**Motion:** Green moved that solar vendors review all town buildings to determine those suitable for solar panels. No second.

Springer will ask the solar vendors participating in the Solarize Wellfleet program to review town buildings suitable for solar panels as he develops the building assessment.

Springer will write letters to Doyle and Sargent. He will also write to the Board of Selectmen regarding the position openings. Franke expressed an interest to be considered by the Board of Selectmen as a full member of the Energy Committee. It was discussed that he would need to fill out an application to do so.

**Correspondence:** Notice of the Public Hearing and the invoice for placing an ad in the newspaper was in the folder<sup>2,3</sup>. A letter was submitted to Springer regarding Open Meeting Law Violations from the Chair of the Bylaw Review Committee regarding the Energy Committee meeting on February 24, 2014 that convened a full hour before the time the meeting was posted<sup>4</sup>. Springer stated that he will respond.

**Motion:** Cole moved to adjourn the meeting. Elkin seconded. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

Handouts, minutes:

<sup>1</sup> Draft Minutes of the 3-17-14 WEC meeting

Correspondence:

<sup>2</sup> Notice of the Public Hearing

<sup>3</sup> Invoice for placing an ad in the newspaper

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Chair of Bylaw Committee