

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2017
Council on Aging
7:00 p.m.**

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

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:15 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

Green Community Energy Savings Plan and Other Opportunities: Discussion of last WEC meeting with Cape Light Compact employees. WEC will continue to explore opportunities for potential next Green Communities Act grants. No future projects were proposed.

Comprehensive Plan for Wellfleet: Goals were discussed for the next five years. Green will develop draft of plan based upon discussion held. An overarching goal is to reduce electric energy consumption by 20% throughout town in the next five years. Many forms of education were discussed as being drivers of the goal. Cole has a high interest in WEC sponsoring solar panels at the landfill swap shop and will follow up with solar panel vendors.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Progress: No progress

Annual Report: Elkin updated WEC regarding report he wrote and submitted.

Energy Fair: A discussion was held and no decisions reached. Opinions expressed included holding an energy fair this spring or fall and a plan to do so every other year.

Ice Bear System Update: Elkin reported that the Department of Public Utilities has questions for the Cape Light Compact regarding this project. The project start date has therefore been postponed and most likely the Ice Bear Systems will not be installed prior to the summer of 2017.

Cape Light Compact Update: Elkin said the Cape Light Compact (CLC) is moving forward to develop a Joint Powers Agreement with the members, which are the towns and counties in Barnstable and Dukes counties. He said the legislature passed legislation in November that was signed by the Governor and submitted by the Department of Revenue. CLC is trying to move forward with finalizing this new agreement within a month. The Joint Powers Agreement would replace the current Intergovernmental Agreement. With the new agreement, CLC would become an independent entity and not need a town or county to act as a fiscal agent. Elkin provided a background of why the CLC Administrator and the CLC Board think a change to CLC becoming independent is needed. Green provided her understanding as a member of the Assembly of Delegates of what has transpired since April regarding CLC at the county level. She and Delegate Killion from Sandwich have both submitted resolutions to the Assembly for CLC to become a county department as a solution to legal issues regarding Barnstable County serving as a fiscal agent for CLC instead of CLC becoming independent. CLC has an annual budget of approximately \$39,000,000 which is gathered from the rate payers on their monthly bills. Green stated that she would like to see more oversight and transparency of CLC. Elkin stated the CLC

stated that she would like to see more oversight and transparency of CLC. Elkin stated the CLC board has agreed with the Compact Administrator and BCK Law representative advice and doesn't want to be a part of the county but wants to be independent.

Correspondence: None

New Business: None

Old Business: Cole stated he would write the minutes from the last WEC meeting. Tash has been working on the WEC website and has been posting informative articles. He and Green will work to better inform the people of Wellfleet about the site and its contents.

Motion: Tash moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary