

**Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 6, 2019**  
**Council on Aging**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green, David Mead-Fox and John Cumbler

**Guest:** Carol Maganeau

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 March 25, 2019 meeting<sup>1</sup> and January 29, 2019 meeting<sup>2</sup>:**

**Motion:** Cole moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Mead-Fox. The motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Charge, Future Plans:** Selectboard approved the expanded role of the committee. The words Climate Action are added to the title of the committee and the membership is increased from 5 to 7. Elkin will contact Town Hall so changes to the website and any other documents can be made. Two additional members and one alternate are needed. Maganeau said she will apply for a position.

**Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):**

Mead-Fox reported that the Planning Board has a meeting scheduled for May 7. The consultant engineer the Planning Board hired will discuss the preliminary report they prepared regarding the solar photovoltaic project. Mead-Fox hopes the Planning Board will choose a date for the hearing to be two weeks from tomorrow which will be the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ameresco will be present at the Planning Board meeting. It was discussed that the Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee will look into issuing a press release when hopefully the Planning Board approves the project. Nauset Regional School District will purchase the additional energy produced. The students will participate in field trips to the site and monitor the energy production real time. They also have a cable news program whereby information can be talked about. There are educational materials that Ameresco has prepared for high school students.

**Mass Energy Insight Program:** Cumbler asked about inventory of solar projects completed in Wellfleet and how to inventory the buildings that would be ideal for solar panels. Massachusetts has data on the completed projects which is available. The survey being developed for property owners will capture data as well. Elkin talked about the Google Earth tool that can calculate if your property will be a good candidate for solar panels. It is not yet available in Wellfleet. Cumbler has an idea to involve the school students with such a project. He will follow up with the high school.

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<sup>1</sup> Minutes of 3-25-19 WEC meeting

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of 1-29-19 WEC meeting

**Climate Change Issues:** The status of the Green Communities Act Grants was discussed. Green stated she has researched the grant writing resources of the County. The first step in the process is for the Selectboard to make a request to the County. Elkin will follow up. The new charge of the committee regarding a review of other committee bylaws was discussed. Cumbler will be the liaison to the Open Space Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Conservation Commission. Mead-Fox will be the liaison to the Planning Board. Cole will be the liaison to the Shellfish Committee. Cumbler explained some of his concerns regarding climate change issues. He is concerned about fuel tanks and septic solutions and will work with the other committees about bylaws. He also discussed his idea to leverage what we do in Wellfleet so it has an impact beyond our town. Green is working at the County level with climate change issues. She has asked for a report to the Assembly of Delegates regarding what the County is currently doing regarding each department, what their goals are and what are the resources for the towns. She is working with our state legislature to see how the Commonwealth can support our county and town. Senator Cyr's office will be setting up meetings in the near future and will keep Green and others informed about the progress. Mead-Fox has been discussing climate change issues with our state legislators.

Cumbler left the meeting.

**Outer Cape Energize Update:** Mead-Fox provided an update. The group is exploring its role moving forward including whether the direction of their focus should be on solar panels for businesses, involving other towns in the program and/or other ideas. They are looking at public relations options and resources.

**New Business:** Elkin and Mead-Fox are writing a proposal for a 20 minute presentation at the Cape Cod Commission's two day seminar in August.

**Old Business:** Maganeau asked why the Recycling Committee was not on the final list regarding a committee to liaison with regarding climate action initiatives. Green stated she already had made that suggestion and the committee was in favor. It was simply an oversight to not include in the list of committees submitted to the Selectboard.

**Motion:** Elkin moved to add the Recycling Committee. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Elkin will talk with the Selectboard and Town Hall regarding the committee vote.

A discussion with all members was held regarding the low lying roads and roads close to the ocean that will be impacted by climate change and storm surge. Mead-Fox will contact the Town Administrator to discuss road planning for climate change and report back to the committee.

**Motion:** Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary