

**Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2019
Wellfleet Council on Aging
6:30 p.m.**

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Present: Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green, Carol Magenau and John Cumbler

Finance Committee Representative: Jeffrey Tash

TOWN OF WELLFLEET

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

BUSINESS

Approval of minutes:

Motion: Cole moved to approve minutes as submitted. Magenau seconded. The motion carried 5-0

Status of medical leave of absence for David Mead-Fox: It is anticipated that he will return at the January meeting.

Committee section of the Town Annual Report: Elkin has written draft which is due by January 1st. He asked for feedback and for the team working on the Climate Action Grants and the Global Covenant of Mayors agreement to write a paragraph for the section. Elkin has been working on the status of the Green Communities Act impacts and has put in place some remedies for solar readings we are unable to include this year regarding the Fire Station, the Library and the Elementary School. Cumbler will accompany Elkin to these locations to see how the readings are taken in order to monitor usage so the information can be accurately reported in the future.

Large solar array update: Elkin updated the committee. The project is slated to be completed in the first quarter of 2020. Cole asked about an Ameresco tour of the site. Elkin will notify us when the committee and the Selectboard members will be able to take a tour of the photovoltaic installation. Green suggested extending an invitation to the Planning Board as well. Tash asked about the status of the sign to explain the solar installation at the location. Elkin will follow up.

Outer Cape Energize Update: The Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) has discovered that the proposed solar panels at the headquarters maintenance area building can not be accepted outright. CCNS needs to advertise a Request for Proposals and if the ACE solar panels are the winning bid, CCNS may move forward with the free solar panels if they are still available. The other locations the committee was exploring are either at a standstill or are not moving forward to accept the ACE solar panels.

Discussion and review of grant application proposals: The Cape Cod Commission (CCC) will work with Wellfleet and other towns. They will wait until the spring cycle to apply for a grant to conduct a feasibility study to identify low lying areas, culverts and beach parking lots, recommend solutions and prioritize action steps. Ryan and Magenau are working on other grants also. The Green Communities Act

(GCA) next round for grants was discussed. Thermal shades or insulating drapes for municipal buildings were talked about for this cycle of grants. Green suggested contacting the Elementary School, the Council on Aging and the Town Hall. Tash asked about electric vehicles. Cole asked about charging stations. Elkin stated both are not part of the GCA grants but could be part of another grant. Elkin suggested talking with Cape Light Compact.

Old Business: A discussion about low income housing and how to help people obtain solar panels and other cost saving measures was held. It was decided that getting the word out about energy audits and programs to help such as taking out a low income solar loan with no money down would be a benefit. Tash asked about obtaining the number of total solar installations in the town and maintaining a database for projects completed and those that are a possibility. The initiatives of the CCC were discussed including the planning for sea level rise and progress in working with the state to figure out a way to measure gasoline usage, fuel oil usage and natural gas usage.

New Business: Cole attended the Shellfish Association meeting as a liaison from our committee. He approached the topics we have concerns about. He will attend the Shellfish Advisory Board meeting. Cumbler is on the Conservation Committee and the Open Space Committee. Neither have a robust plan for the future regarding sea level rise. He will develop a strategy meeting to talk about goals and link together people working on conservation land and conservation trust land in order to develop a vision and plan regarding sea level rise. The next meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on January 13 and February 10 at the Council on Aging.

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Cumbler seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary