

Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes for 15 December 2022

Remote Participation

Present: Dick Elkin, Lilli-Ann Green, Carol Magenau [recorder], David Mead-Fox, Suzanne Ryan-Ishkanian [acting Chair]

Guest: Jeff Tash / Finance Committee liaison

Acting Chair Ryan-Ishkanian opened the meeting at 7:20.

Review of rules for remote participation under open meeting law (OML): Elkin introduced Open Meeting Law and Zoom meeting remote participation.

Business

Mead-Fox reported on the **electric car show** scheduled in Hyannis June 3, 10AM-2PM. He is on the steering committee [replacing Dick Elkin] which has been meeting monthly and will meet twice monthly closer to the time of the event. Much of the work is being done by the non-profit Recharge Massachusetts. Green volunteered to be the point person for Wellfleet for publicity for the event, and Magenau for identifying e-v owners who are willing to participate. Someone is also needed to work on planning for a shared table at the e-v show for the Outer Cape Climate Action Committees, with possible handouts, staffing, etc. All Outer Cape towns are intending to participate except for Provincetown still pending.

Mead-Fox also reported on the **opt-in stretch code**, which was discussed at the last Outer Cape Climate Action Committees meeting. Bob Higgins-Steele from Truro is coordinating an Outer Cape effort to get the opt-in code passed in all our communities, by sharing education efforts aimed at 3 distinct groups: building inspectors, contractors, and the general public. Mead-Fox is participating on behalf of Wellfleet. The state is finalizing details of the new stretch code, which will automatically apply to towns with a Green Community designation, as well as the opt-in code which towns have to vote to adopt. It is thought that the differences are not great, so hopefully the "greener" opt-in code will be acceptable. Mead-Fox will contact the Selectboard to alert them that we want the opt-in stretch code on the warrant for Town Meeting in April.

Since Robert Shapiro was not at the meeting there was no report on the **Global Covenant of Mayors**.

Ryan-Ishkanian reported on **grant proposal status** by asking that any comments on information she forwarded from Hillary Lemos on the **low-lying roads grant** be sent to her to collate for Hillary. She also requested comments on the draft written by Magenau of a proposal for DLTA funding for technical assistance in writing a **climate action plan**. Magenau pointed out that the draft will probably need tweaking once we receive the announcement for the DLTA grant for 2023, expected in late January.

Mead-Fox had distributed a request for someone to work with the Wellfleet Historical Commission on their upcoming **conference on Historic Preservation and Climate Change**. Green volunteered to do this.

Ryan-Ishkanian led a discussion on **reorganization of the committee**. Due to missing four consecutive meetings Chuck Cole is no longer on the committee per the town Charter, so we need to recruit a new member. We also have one alternate position open. Elkin has decided to resign as Chair, and Green as Secretary, but both will remain on the committee. **Motion:** Elkin moved to elect a new slate of officers as follows: Suzanne Ryan as Chair, Lilli-Ann Green as Vice-Chair, and Carol Magenau as Secretary. Green seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Request for future agenda topics of the committee: Ryan-Ishkanian mentioned MassCEC (Clean Energy Center) funding for **electrification of local business fleets** as a future agenda item. It was recommended working with the local Chamber of Commerce on this. Green said there might be alternative/additional funding sources in the electric vehicle link she sent.

Ryan-Ishkanian also stated that as the new chair she would be responsible for submitting the committee's **annual report** covering 2022.

Next meeting: 19 January 7:15 pm

Green made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Mead-Fox. A roll-call vote was unanimous in favor (5-0-0), and the meeting ended at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Magenau

Carol [Mary C.] Magenau, recorder