

Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes for 20 July 2023

Remote Participation

Present: Suzanne Ryan-Ishkanian (Chair), Carol Magenau (Secretary), Gorham Brigham (alternate), David Mead-Fox, Cynthia Franklin

Guest:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ryan-Ishkanian at 7:25PM.

The meeting was recorded.

A motion to **approve the minutes** for June was made by Brigham, seconded by Franklin, approved 4-0-1 with Mead-Fox abstaining.

Business

In Elkin's absence, his presentation on the **Massachusetts Climate Change Assessment** was postponed to the net meeting.

In Green's absence, Brigham's presentation on **town-owned property within the National Seashore** was postponed.

In Shapiro's absence, there was no report on the **Global Covenant**. Magenau suggested that it might be appropriate to offer assistance with the Covenant reporting, which Ryan-Ishkanian agreed to pursue with Shapiro.

In Elkin's absence it was decided to postpone discussion of his **draft Climate Action Plan**, and the additional drafts submitted by Magenau and Franklin on food choices and transportation respectively. Ryan-Ishkanian will contact Steve Tupper at the Cape Cod Commission to ascertain his current thinking about helping Wellfleet with our Climate Action Plan, given the resignation of ATA Roughley and general shortage of town staff.

For **future agenda topics**, Magenau mentioned the course with **Pachamama Alliance** that she and Ryan are taking on how to be a better climate activist. She suggested we may want to consider participating in the **National Solar Tour** scheduled for Oct. 6-8 in which installations can be toured in person or virtually.

Mead-Fox suggested that Ryan-Ishkanian check in with Barbara Carboni about whether she can continue as **Selectboard liaison** to our committee, given her recent election as Chair.

Ryan-Ishkanian suggested we investigate the concept of a **tool library**. This idea was raised in her small-group meeting with Pachamama. Magenau suggested checking with the Library since they do have a lending library of things like tableware, which the Recycling Committee has promoted. Mead-Fox pointed out that tools are somewhat different in nature since they may require training.

In Elkin's absence, the three items under **new business** were postponed (Maurice Campground passive houses; Level 2 charging stations at local motels; Metered electric outlets at beach parking lots).

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Motion to adjourn was made by Brigham, seconded by Mead-Fox , voted 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Next meeting: Thursday 17 August 7:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Magenau

Carol [Mary C.] Magenau, Secretary