

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of August 6, 2015
Council on Aging
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green, Richard Elkin, Vasilios Katsavrias and Jeffrey Tash

Vice Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 6:38 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) Vice Chair, Cole.

BUSINESS

Report on June 20, 2015 Energy Fair: Green gave an overview of the feedback she received from the exhibitors and speakers. All have emailed thanking the WEC for the opportunity and are willing to participate if the event is held again in the future. There were crowds of people in attendance throughout the day. The speakers were scheduled throughout the event and it was a draw to bring in people at times when subjects they were interested in were being presented. The Wellfleet Elementary School was very complimentary and people in Wellfleet who attended said they learned a lot and were provided with good information. It was a positive collaboration with other town committees and departments.

Website Update: Tash will meet with Elkin and work on the website in the fall.

Designation Grant Update: Green and Katsavrias will meet with the Assistant Town Administrator, Brian Carlson in September and invite Franke to attend the meeting to determine the role of WEC moving forward. It was noted that Wellfleet has not yet received the first designation grant after the vote at Town Meeting in 2013 determined that Wellfleet was to become a Department of Energy Resources Green Community. Green and Katsavrias will follow up in order to facilitate the receipt of the initial grant monies and subsequent grant monies which had been stated at Town Meeting could be \$250,000 every year. Elkin noted that the Cape Light Compact also gives grant monies to towns.

Large Solar Array Update: Elkin will take the lead and work with Brian Carlson to plan a Request for Information (RFI) with potential vendors. The target date is on or about September 15th. It is the consensus of WEC that a Purchase Power Agreement with individual solar vendors is the direction that will best benefit the town of Wellfleet. The Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen will be kept informed regarding next steps. Elkin will contact the town of Mashpee to obtain information on the steps the town took in construction of their large scale solar array. Different town facilities appropriate for solar PV panels were discussed. It was agreed that the solar vendors would provide WEC with recommendations for the most cost effective locations and terms. Green will provide Elkin with contact information for solar vendors she used for the Energy Fair.

Motion: Green moved to delegate Elkin as lead in arranging for the RFI meeting with solar vendors and development of next steps including process for a Request for Proposals. Seconded by Elkin. The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting¹:

Motion: Green moved to accept minutes with as emailed with agenda of meeting. Seconded by Elkin. The motion carried 5-0.

Vote on WEC Officers:

Motion: Green moved to nominate Green for Chair of WEC. There was no second.

Motion: Cole moved to nominate Elkin for Chair of WEC. Seconded by Tash. Discussion was held about Open Meeting Law (OML) and Elkin's view on the subject. It was agreed if any question of OML is raised, a member of WEC will clarify with the Town Administrator or Assistant Town Administrator as to the proper path regarding OML. Tash suggested that Brian Carlson be invited to the next WEC meeting. All agreed. Carlson had expressed an interest to Green earlier in the year to attend a WEC meeting. The motion carried 4-1 abstention (Green).

Motion: Green moved to nominate Cole for Vice Chair of WEC. Seconded by Katsavrias. The motion carried 5-0.

Motion: Green moved to nominate Green for Secretary of WEC and to take the minutes of the meetings as a duty of the secretary. Seconded by Tash. The motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: A letter was received from one of the vendors at the Energy Fair. It was a thank you note and a request for information regarding the people interested in solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels that did not move forward during the Solarize Wellfleet time frame. A discussion was held. It was decided that Green will draft a letter to the people who signed up to receive more information about solar PV during the Solarize project and email to Elkin. Elkin will email the letter to those on the email list that did not put solar PV on their property during the Solarize program. Elkin and the three Solarize vendors have access to this information.

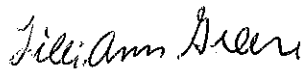
Old Business²: Green submitted a handout with an article about the Cape and Islands Electric Cooperative (CVEC) and an OpEd, both in the Cape Cod Times. She pointed out that both Phase I and Phase II CVEC solar projects are embroiled in legal turmoil. Elkin objected to Green submitting these articles under old business. Green stated that she wanted this information on the WEC record because WEC members had recently recommended that Wellfleet join CVEC.

New Business: The next WEC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm.

Future concerns: None

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

¹ Draft Minutes of the 6-8-15 WEC

² Handout of CC Times article and Op Ed piece regarding CVEC and legal issues