Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of October 5, 2021
Remote Participation
7:15 p.m.

Present: Richard Elkin, Lilli-Ann Green, Carol Magenau, Gorham Brigham and David Mead Fox

Liaison to Finance Committee: Jeff Tash

Guest: John Riehl

Power outage. Green was able to join the meeting in progress at 7:30 pm
This Zoom meeting was recorded and posted on the Town website.

BUSINESS

Review of rules for remote participation under open meeting law (OML): Elkin gave an introduction to Open Meeting Law and Zoom meeting remote participation. He stated a rule call vote must be taken.

Committee Liaison: Guest Riehl, Chair of the Natural Resources Advisory Board spoke to the committee about collaboration. The Selectboard suggested he have an open discussion and see how we can work together. Mead Fox stated he thinks the town should create a paid position for a climate action coordinator. The concept was debated with the majority stating it would be an uphill climb during these difficult financial times. Brigham advanced an idea for a position to include several Outer Cape towns and talking to our State Legislators to see if there is state funding available. All agreed it would be a positive direction if a position is funded. Riehl stated there are 5 groups in town working on the same issues. It is important for the committees to coordinate efforts or even create a new group to do so. A discussion of how to move forward was had with several more ideas advanced.

Approval of minutes: NA

Report on joint meeting with other towns’ energy committees: Elkin recapped the recent meeting. Mead Fox stated it is hard to start the Energize program again, especially in the middle of the pandemic. The Cape Light Compact fell through. They will not help in the new year as per their prior commitment to do so.

Discussion on community outreach program for 2021: NA

Selectboard policy on grants: Magenau spoke with Helen Miranda Wilson and was told the Selectboard will take up the topic. Magenau had circulated proposed revisions so the committees could be involved. She said it would help if there could be a vote to show the Selectboard we are in favor of the revisions.

Motion: Magenau moved the revisions as circulated to the Selectboard policy on grants be approved by the committee. Brigham seconded. The motion carried 5-
Global Covenant of Mayors status and actions: Elkin said there are measures requested that we can not obtain information for such as home heating and EVs. Several committee members said they will try different avenues to see if they can make progress. Everyone agreed if a baseline could be created, it would be helpful to track these data over time.

8:48 Mead Fox left meeting

Status of Landfill PV: Elkin reported the next steps are to sign paper work and connect it.

Motion: Brigham moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary