Wellfleet Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of November 2, 2021
Remote Participation
7:15 p.m.

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

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

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 role call vote must be taken.

Committee liaison review of assignments and reports:
Building needs assessment: Ryan
Conservation commission: Magenau
Natural resources advisory board: Elkin
Friends of Herring River: Cole
Shellfish association and advisory board: Cole
Open space: Brigham
Planning board: Mead Fox
County: Green
Recycling: Magenau
Local comprehensive plan: Magenau

Approval of minutes: NA

Report on joint meeting with other towns’ energy committees: An overview was presented by various members of the committee. The Global Covenant of Mayors, Energize program, the stretch code and environmental justice were topics covered.

Discussion of community outreach program for 2021: Mead Fox said there is no progress on the Energize program. Green finds it challenging to move forward with an EV car show given the pandemic. Elkin talked about a EV car association he saw information about. He will forward this to Green. The group may be able to support the effort with advertising, videos and virtual venues.

Status of Green Communities grant report: Ryan updated the committee. The report is not completed from the last project. Elkin will find out from Margaret Song when the next grant cycle deadlines are and report back to the committee.

Global Covenant of Mayors status and actions: No information was available.
Discussion and review of grant proposal status: Ryan updated the committee. A town wide forum to discuss low lying roads as part of the MVP grant is scheduled. The Cape Cod Commission staff will present during the forum and she is working with them on the logistics.

Status of Landfill PV: Elkin updated the committee. Ameresco and Eversource met today to discuss receiving permission to operate.

Discussion of committee input to the local comprehensive plan (LCP): No further information at this time.

Request for future agenda topics: Reports from liaisons to other committees

Old Business: Magenau would like to pursue obtaining information on how many EVs are in town as well as the number of heat pumps. The topics were discussed. Mead Fox has tried to obtain information regarding heat pumps. Magenau and Mead Fox will follow up utilizing the ideas talked about. Ryan will forward suggestions for topics on the agenda to Elkin.

New Business: The next meeting date is Tuesday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. It was decided the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm would be our meeting date for future meetings. Both Mead Fox and Green received calls from Curley. They updated the committee regarding Curley’s call and concerns. Getting on the Selectboard agenda was discussed. Selectboard Chair Curley told Mead Fox that the board is too busy until late February or thereafter. Green stated it is a good idea to update the Selectboard on a regular basis as to the activities of the committee including new technologies and what is on the horizon. Mead Fox agreed. A town wide discussion about climate change was also talked about.

Motion: Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Brigham seconded. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary