

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 2017
Council on Aging
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green and Jeff Tash

Guest: Wellfleet Assistant Town Administrator, Brian Carlson

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Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 7:04 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) Chair, Elkin.

BUSINESS

Minutes of the September 19, 2016, October 26, 2016 and January 18, 2017 meetings^{1,2,3}:

Motion: Elkin moved to accept minutes as emailed with agenda of meeting. Seconded by Green. The motion carried 4-0.

Comprehensive Plan for Wellfleet: Green prepared a draft of the current goals matrix as discussed at the previous WEC meeting. The matrix was discussed and slightly revised.

Motion: Green moved to accept the filled out goals matrix with revisions discussed as final. Seconded by Elkin. The motion carried 4-0.

Green will revise the goals matrix as per discussion and email final version to Carlson. Green prepared a draft of a local comprehensive plan for the next five years as per the discussion at the previous WEC meeting. The matrix was discussed and revisions were suggested. Green offered to make changes, email to Carlson, Carlson will revise based upon his suggestions to WEC, and Green will prepare draft to be reviewed at the next WEC meeting.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Progress: Carlson received a letter for a net metering purchase agreement from ECA Solar, a company who previously offered Wellfleet a PPA for off-site solar.⁴ WEC members discussed the proposal and the overall pricing, terms, risks and options available for our town regarding solar energy. WEC asked Carlson to research the current environment and available pricing for PPAs. Carlson will send out RFPs to those who have expressed interest. Also, he will reach out to our Department of Energy Resources (DOER) representative to find if there are other companies who may have lower pricing options for Wellfleet. Carlson will also ask about the pricing of onsite solar at the Wellfleet landfill area versus the option of off-site solar PPA.

Correspondence: None

Green Communities Next Grant: Carlson is working on grant to be submitted the following week. This grant will be seeking approximately \$140,000 for energy efficiency efforts the new police station design includes. WEC members support the grant and also endorse the Chair to sign a letter in support of the grant to be submitted to DOER.

Website Review: Tash provided an overview of goals for the website which include a virtual trade show or yellow pages for energy efficiency and energy conservation products as well as renewal energy products that do not harm the health and safety of people. He also posts interesting

articles on the same topics. Carlson will post a link from the town website to the website Tash has developed.

Cape Light Compact Restructuring Update: Elkin provided an overview of the steps the Cape Light Compact (CLC) has taken since the last WEC meeting. CLC is asking the Boards of Selectmen and Town Councils in Barnstable and Dukes Counties towns to agree to sign a Joint Powers Agreement by the end of 2017. The CLC administrator and BCK Law have stated their intent for a Joint Powers Agreement to replace the current Intergovernmental Agreement that CLC operates under. CLC is interested in a Barnstable County town acting as a fiscal agent for CLC even if a Joint Powers Entity is created. This is instead of Barnstable County acting as a fiscal agent to CLC. She also expressed concerns that CLC did not hold public hearings or have ratepayer representation in their move to change the current Intergovernmental Agreement by developing a replacement with a Joint Powers Agreement, especially given the fact that the over \$39,000,000 energy efficiency monies CLC receives on an annual basis is funded by the ratepayers. The matter was brought before the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen and they had numerous questions and concerns about the Joint Powers Agreement, signing such an agreement and who should act as the Fiscal Agent for CLC. The BoS expressed they would like Barnstable County to continue in a capacity to represent all of the towns in the county regarding matters with CLC because the county has the duty to look out for the interests of all towns in the county. Several members spoke about having separate counsel for the towns of Wellfleet and Truro during negotiations with a recent matter. They were not pleased with using one law firm to represent the interests of all county towns in writing an agreement that may not be in the interests of all towns or the ratepayers. They were concerned there was a rush to finalize such an important agreement. The board was very insistent they are able to see, review and revise any draft versions of any Joint Powers Agreement. They were concerned there is no provision for a public process, no public hearings, and no ratepayer representation. The board expressed concern that only two towns need sign such an agreement and furthermore that Provincetown and Sandwich were named in the BCK Law presentation to the CLC board. One board member questioned whether the interests of these two towns aligned with the interests of Wellfleet.

New Business: Next WEC meeting is scheduled for March 22nd.

Old Business: Cole stated he would write the minutes from the January WEC meeting.

Motion: Tash moved to adjourn the meeting. Cole seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

- ¹ Draft Minutes of the 2-28-16 WEC meeting
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- ⁴ PPA letter from ECA Solar