

**Wellfleet Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 25, 2019  
Council on Aging  
6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Richard Elkin, Charles Cole, Lilli-Ann Green and David Mead-Fox

**Guest:** Carol Magenau

Chair Elkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 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**

**Mass Energy Insight Program:** Guest, Carol Magenau gave update. The Wellfleet SelectBoard endorsed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy initiative. A volunteer team is working to reduce energy usage from fossil fuels in Wellfleet. Shapiro would like to develop a baseline of current energy usage by people living in Wellfleet so the reduction of energy use can be measured. The volunteer group working with Shapiro to gather data regarding the current energy usage in Wellfleet to use as a baseline is Ms. Magenau, Evelyn Jackson, Olga Kahn and Suzanne Ryan. They are working with two database systems. They are trying to determine several items needed for the baseline including the fuel type and usage of home energy for people living in Wellfleet and the types of vehicles people drive so an estimation of gas usage can be determined. Sources of this information are being explored. The team is also working on a survey.

**Committee Charge, Future Plans and Climate Change Issues:** Elkin spoke about the difference between the current charge of WEC which is climate mitigation and the added responsibilities of the town by adopting the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy initiative. This is adaptation. A discussion followed. The proposal is for WEC to act as a liaison with other town committees working in the area of climate change and to report to the SelectBoard. The other town committees include the Conservation Commission, Building and Needs Assessment Committee, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Shellfish Advisory Board, Open Space Committee, Recycling Committee, Planning Board and Friends of the Herring River. Due to the proposed change in the WEC charge, a discussion was held regarding a change to the name of the committee to the Wellfleet Energy and Climate Change Committee.

**Committee Membership, Expanded Positions and Open Alternate Positions:** Elkin spoke about the need for an increased number of two additional committee members due to the proposed added workload for the committee. A discussion was held regarding the current open Alternate Position and the potential addition of two new members including what qualifications would be helpful.

**Motion:** Elkin moved to recommend to the SelectBoard to adopt the name change of the committee to the Wellfleet Energy and Climate Change Committee, to increase the number of the

committee to seven members, and to modify the charge of the committee to include adaptation as per the attached document.<sup>1</sup> Seconded by Cole. The motion carried 4-0

**Minutes of the August 29, 2018 meeting<sup>2</sup>:**

**Motion:** Mead-Fox moved to accept minutes as emailed with agenda of meeting. Seconded by Cole. The motion carried 4-0.

**Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):**

Mead-Fox serves on the Planning Board. He reported that the Planning Board has hired a consultant to review the site plan. The report is due at the beginning of March. It is possible there will be a hearing and approval of the site plan by the Planning Board by the third week in March.

**Outer Cape Solarize Update:** Mead-Fox provided an update. There are 138 solar installations and 840 kw for the four towns. The organizing team working on the project is hoping to reach 1,000 kw of installed solar panels by the conclusion of the extended project. ACE, the solar vendor, will donate several solar systems to non-profit organizations on the Outer Cape. The Outer Cape Solarize team will choose the non-profit organizations to receive the free solar systems and there will be an announcement in the near future. A future program targeting commercial solar is being explored.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** There will be a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program Workshop on March 12. Elkin encouraged all WEC members to attend. The next meetings will be held on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. and April 22 at 6 p.m.

**Motion:** Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Mead-Fox seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

<sup>1</sup> Charge of the committee for the Selectboard

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of 8-29-18 WEC meeting