

**Wellfleet Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of May 14, 2018  
Council on Aging  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Richard Elkin, Lilli-Ann Green, Robert Shapiro and David Mead-Fox

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**

**Approval of Minutes:** Cristi-Ann took minutes for the last meeting. No minutes are available this evening to approve.

**Mass Energy Insight Program:** Shapiro gave overview. This program is a requirement of the Green Communities Act in order for the town to receive funds from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) as a Green Community. The software provides an auto update with information from the grid suppliers, etc. He has been working with the program and finds there are problems. As an example, there are not updates for propane and diesel. There is missing information. He provided the Energy Committee with handout materials.<sup>1</sup> He has talked with a number of people in town in order to fill in the gaps. It is important to obtain accurate information so we can understand if the town is meeting our energy reduction objectives. Strategies were discussed so we can obtain full and accurate information. Shapiro will pursue these avenues. Shapiro is also interested in working with residents and businesses on energy conservation and energy efficiency.

**Power Purchase Agreement (PPA):** Elkin provided update. Several town department heads and other employees are working with Elkin and the Project Manager at Ameresco to define certain details so the project will run smoothly. Town council is reviewing materials. Elkin reviewed the proposed timeline. Elkin will compare the proposed Ameresco contract with the model DOER contract. Green will conduct due diligence by calling the contact people in all Massachusetts towns that have signed PPAs with Ameresco for solar PV projects on their capped landfills. She will develop a survey instrument for consistency and ask the same questions to each town contact person. She will then report back to Chair Elkin the results of her inquiry. There will be a Wellfleet Community Forum presentation on May 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the solar PV project at the town landfill. Elkin will ask for the topic to be on the agenda of the June 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Outer Cape Solarize Update:** Mead-Fox gave update. There are 42 signed contracts as of today in the towns from Provincetown to Orleans. There are several hundred leads for home and business rooftop solar PV projects. The leads are sent to the solar coaches in each town. Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (Mass CEC) has released \$10,000 to the Solarize committee and the monies have been used for marketing purposes. The Solarize committee has recently made a request for the additional funds of \$10,000 from Mass CEC.

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<sup>1</sup> Handouts – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data

**New Business:** Mead-Fox has been looking into the coastal resiliency program and the municipal vulnerability program. He is meeting with town officials and employees. Shapiro is also working with town and county officials regarding sustainability issues. Both provided updates.

**Motion:** Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Mead-Fox seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary