

Minutes for March 6, 2018 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Steve Krintzman, Bob Palmeri
Steve Gavin, Susan Starkey, Sandra Cashen, Mike Duffy

ABSENT: Roby Whitehouse

PUBLIC: Tom Baron, Yarmouth Planning Board
Tara Monroe, Assessor Office
Nate Mayo, Vineyard Wind
Gordon Starr, Barnstable Renewable Energy Commission

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:00.

Minutes for February meeting were unanimously approved.

CLC: CAPE LIGHT COMPACT: Board meeting 3/14/18 290 White's Path South Yarmouth. The meeting will start at 2:00PM.

CVEC: CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Steve Gavin stated that the Round III initiatives to place Photovoltaic panels on the Yarmouth Fire Station #1, 96 Old Main St., South Yarmouth, MA 02664 and Yarmouth Fire Station #3, 520 Buck Island Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673 is proceeding.

VINEYARD WIND: Group discussion on Vineyard Wind proposal to install a cable to transport power from the off shore wind farm south of Martha's Vineyard island to the mainland. A motion which was proposed by Susan Starkey to have the Energy Committee support the project was unanimously approved and given to the selectmen. This letter is attached to the minutes at the end of the report). Nate Mayo said that the cable would be installed underwater in Lewis Bay in 2 days. Construction on land would involve curb to curb repaving rather than a trench. He also stated that up to one million in improvements to water mains would be included in the project.

GREEN COMMUNITIES ACT: As an outreach the Energy Committee will host a meeting about the stretch code at the DY High School Library on April 3, 2018 4:00 to 5:30. Other Cape Energy Committees as well as the community will be invited. Steve Gavin mentioned that the codes for new building now have more flexibility in the HERS (Home Energy Rating). New residential construction requires a HERS Rating. For new homes permitted in any stretch code town on or after January 1, the maximum HERS index allowed will be 55.

OTHER INFORMATION: Steve Gavin will be attending the NESEA meeting in Boston on 3/7/18 through 3/9/18. The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) helps high-performance building and energy efficiency professionals improve their practices by learning from and networking with each other. Founded in 1974, NESEA is today the region's leading 501(c)(3) organization promoting sustainable energy practices in the built environment.

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Dear Yarmouth Board of Selectmen,

After examining the Vineyard Wind project carefully, the Energy Committee urges the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a hosting agreement with Vineyard Wind, before April, that contains the best possible terms for the Town in the hope that Vineyard Wind project is chosen to go forward.

We know that Lewis Bay has problems with algae, and that the waste water (septic system) issues are long overdue. Given these concerns, the Town might choose as part of the host agreement to insist on specific measures to reverse current degradation, minimize the impact of the week of work on constructing the underwater cable, and dedicate all or part of the Town revenue stream from the project to improving the bay's ecology.

We owe it to our community, which is much larger than one neighborhood, to put Yarmouth in a good position to explore clean and renewable energy, while potentially improving our economy and infrastructure. We look forward to supporting the BOS with this exploration.

Sincerely,

The Yarmouth Energy Committee

Next meeting: April 3, 2018 4:00 PM at the DY High School Library Adjourn at 5:15