

Minutes for April 7, 2020 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)
FIRST REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Susan Starkey, Steve Gavin, Bob Palmeri,
Steve Krintzman, Mike Duffy, Sandra Cashen
TOWN STAFF: Dan Knapik, Town Administrator
Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator
Tara Monroe, Assessing Principal Office Assistant
PUBLIC: Barry Margolin

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

Motion to approve remote meeting was unanimously approved.

Minutes for the March meeting were unanimously approved with minor revision.

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT - CLC: Joyce Flynn reported that the next meeting will be April 8, 2020. Cape Light Compact home energy audits have temporarily become Virtual Energy Audit assessments based on data. The Compact is accepting applications for audits at 800-797-6699.

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: Steve Gavin said that Parcel E at the Warehouse Road location still needs Board of Health approval. Looking at Round VI the DPW and Police Department will list items for a RFP.

SOLARIZE PLUS GRANTS: General discussion regarding the Corvid 19 Virus delaying the Solarize Plus roll out. Due to people isolating at home and the economic ramifications, it seems unlikely that this time frame would be advantageous. Agreement that no installer would want to quote a price when it is unknown what solar panels will cost going forward. The Grant application should be available going into 2021. There are a number of things which could be worked on in preparation for a later start date. Sandra Cashen suggested a website which might be an added to the Energy Committee area or a separate website entirely. Dan Knapik is going to research that and Sandra volunteered to work on it. Steve Gavin suggested some informational posters to be display around town. No firm decision was made for start date. – However a possible fall date to position for a start for next spring is likely. Susan Starkey told the committee that the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center – MASSCEC will be contacted regarding the schedule delay in The Solarize Plus program due to the Corvid 19 virus.

DRAFT FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR THE ENERGY COMMITTEE: Mike Duffy is continuing to work on a five year plan for the energy committee to organize and focus efforts. This will be used to set vision mission goals, prioritize, and measure success.

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ARTICLE FOR WARRANT FOR THE TOWN MEETING: Barry Margolin said that the majority of Cape towns have an article in their town meeting notice regarding Climate Change. This is a Resolution not a by-law. Susan Starkey, Barry Margolin, and Jim Wolff will be meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the article.

TOWN UPDATE: Dan Knapik informed the committee that Rise Engineering installed a thermostat to regulate the unit-ventilators for the HVAC system in town hall. This included a setback for the temperature in off business hours. He said the improvement made the work environment more comfortable. Rich Bienvenue said that two leased electric vehicles are now being used by the Finance and Conservation departments and the charging station is operational.

YCAN – YARMOUTH CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK: Susan Starkey gave a brief update.

Next meeting: May 2, 2020 4:30 PM Conference Room A. Adjourn at 5:34