

## **Minutes for May 1, 2018 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)**

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Steve Krintzman, Bob Palmeri  
Steve Gavin, Roby Whitehouse, Mike Duffy

**ABSENT:** Sandra Cashen

**PUBLIC:** Dan Knapik, Town Administrator,  
Tara Monroe, Assessing Principal Office Assistant

**Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:45.**

**Minutes for March 6th, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10th meetings were unanimously approved.**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION FOR TOWN MEETING MAY 5, 2018 ARTICLE 38:**

Dan Knapik explained the MA Green Communities Act is funded from the ground-breaking regional power plant CO2 cap and trade program known as Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) through fees assessed to fossil-fuel burning power plants.

The Information sheet prepared for Annual Town Meeting follows:

**ARTICLE 38**, the so-called 'stretch code' is the last step of 5 to join 217 other cities also towns in the state Green Communities program,

If Yarmouth passes the 'stretch code' article and applies for Green Community status this year, Yarmouth will receive \$180,000 in energy grant money in fiscal year 2018-2019. And the town will be eligible to apply for competitive grants up to \$250,000 in each annual grant cycle.

What is the stretch code?

It is a building code designed to reduce the lifecycle energy and water costs of new buildings by measuring the overall energy performance of a house or building rather than prescribing individual features. It uses the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) to rate a structure's overall energy consumption.

The Stretch code

- Is only slightly more rigorous than the current building code.
- Applies **ONLY** to new homes, not to additions or renovations.
- Requires a fee (\$750-1250) for a HERS assessment at Construction, but here on Cape, the Cape Light Compact and Mass, Save offer rebates and incentives to reduce the fee to around \$500.
- Reduces utility and fuel costs in a new build so that by Year 2, the Homeowner is saving money in excess of the HERS fee.
- Makes living on Cape Cod less expensive.
- Reduces fossil fuel and carbon emissions for a healthier Environment.

**Next meeting: June 5, 2018 4:30 PM Adjourn at 5:55**