

Minutes for July 5, 2022 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Sandra Cashen, Mike Duffy,
Camilla Flannery
ABSENT: Barry Margolin Robert Palmeri
PUBLIC: Josh Uhalt

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:30.

Motion to approve June minutes unanimously approved.

Motion to hold meetings as remote was unanimously approved.

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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT-CLC: Joyce reported that the Cape Light Compact governing board will meet on Wednesday, July 13th at 2 PM - 4:30 PM. She also reminded us that the Cape Light Compact, the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative and the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Spring 2022 Bi-Annual Meeting of the Energy & Climate Committees of the Cape & Islands (ECCCI) will be on Thursday, July 7th from 4:30 - 6:00.

SOLARIZE PLUS YARMOUTH: Discussion of strategizing around the default by Solar Wolf Energy, which stranded Solarize Plus Yarmouth customers who'd made payments on home solar contracts. There was a webinar on June 6 with various state agencies. To determine the full status of installations and the financial total of customer payments held by Solar Wolf, Town counsel worked with the Attorney General's staff and the permitting records of the Yarmouth Building Dept. Mike Duffy plans to improve the format and contact each customer to verify that the data is correct.

Several Solarize Plus Yarmouth customers sent 30-day demand letters by certified mail to Solar Wolf as outlined in Mass. General Laws Chapter 93A, also known as the Consumer Protection Act.

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GEORGE ALLAIRE SCHOLARSHIP: For several years, the Committee donated to a fund that provided scholarship money for an 8th grade student to attend a summer science program on Cape, usually at Cape Cod Community College. The recent summer programs, even before the pandemic, were becoming less of a match to the originally planned energy subject matter. Joyce mentioned that the passage of time has resulted in many members on the Committee who never met George. The scholarship fund has around \$200 to \$300 hundred dollars that could be folded into other scholarships in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District. Sandra proposed a motion to table the scholarship issue until the August meeting to allow her to review existing scholarship funds. The motion was unanimously approved.

GEORGE ALLAIRE MEMORIAL: General discussion about the possibility of a garden on a roadway island designated in memory of George. Many questions were raised about maintenance and funding for this proposal. Marilyn offered to contact Roby Whitehouse, Assistant Public Works Director for information and suggestions to facilitate this idea.

FUTURE MEETING SUGGESTIONS: Camilla offered to prepare an informational program about the benefits of insulation as a low cost enhancement to homes and businesses seeking to conserve energy.

Next meeting: Aug 2, 2022 ZOOM remote meeting. Adjourn at 5:30