

Minutes for August 6, 2019 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Steve Krintzman, Mike Duffy,
Steve Gavin, Susan Starkey

ABSENT: Sandra Cashen, Bob Palmeri

TOWN STAFF: Rich Bienvenue, Director of Municipal Operations

PUBLIC: Barry Margolin,
Austin Brandt, CLC Senior Power Supply Planner,
Valerie Bell, Harwich Energy Committee,
Susan Klein, Dennis, Alternate Energy Committee

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

Minutes for the May meeting were unanimously approved.

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT - CLC: Next board meeting Sept 11, 2019 2:00 – 4:30

Austin Brandt advised the committee that Eversource had objected to the Compact's implementation of demand response programs on the Cape and Vineyard due to concerns about the impact on the grid, which has an impact on the implementation of battery storage project at the Dennis Yarmouth Regional Emergency Shelter. This is close to being resolved and will be filed at the DPU to allow for demand response programs in the Compact's 2019-2021 energy efficiency filing. The Green Communities Act and (ideally) a fall 2019 Department of Public Utilities (DPU) approval will allow the storage measures requested in the Compact's strategic electrification pilot program.

In answer to a question on green power supply, Austin reviewed consumer information on Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and said that there are articles on the CLC website which are currently being redone to increase understanding.

<https://www.capelightcompact.org/green-aggregation/>

<https://www.capelightcompact.org/cape-light-compacts-power-supply-program-provides-new-options-for-supporting-local-renewable-power/>

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC:

Steve Gavin told the committee that Round V photovoltaic installation submissions are due August 15th – Applications are expected from the Town police station, the senior center, and the DPW. Several towns have now joined CVEC – Aquinnah, Marion, Nantucket and Mashpee.

SOLARIZE PLUS:

Barry Margolin, a local resident, and Mike Duffy have been working to create a list of town groups that might be willing to help publicize the program and possibly find volunteers to help with the functions of the Solarize Plus Program.

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CAPE SOLAR TOUR: Susan Starkey informed the committee of a nationwide solar tour that includes Mid-Cape open houses. The tour will be held in October on the 5th from 10:00 to 4:00 and the 6th 12:00 to 3:00. The Unitarian Universalist Church in Barnstable will be hosting the Solar Tour and an energy fair that weekend. Cape & Islands Self Reliance, Cape Light Compact, CVEC and a dozen other groups will have info tables set up and a few of these will give relevant talks on Sustainability. About a dozen home owners, churches or businesses have volunteered to show their PV systems and the solar modifications which have been made.

Valerie Bell of the Harwich Energy Committee is taking part in the Cape Solar Tour. Susan Klein of the Dennis Alternate Energy Committee advised that Dennis is reserving action on a potential joint Solarize campaign with Yarmouth as the committee feels its role is one of advisory, not action-oriented.

TOWN UPDATE:

Rich Bienvenue stated Yarmouth will soon be signing contracts for fuel efficient cars. The money is being furnished from the state grant for becoming a Green Community. Also golf course deposition committee is discussing a possible solar canopy for golf carts.

Next meeting: September 3, 2019 4:30 PM. Adjourn at 6:35