

Minutes for October 6, 2020 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)

ZOOM REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

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

ABSENT: Steve Krintzman, Mike Duffy

TOWN STAFF: Tara Monroe, Assistant Assessor...
Amanda Lima, Town engineer

PUBLIC: Barry Margolin
Jim Wolf
Sheila Place

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:35.

Motion to approve remote meeting was unanimously approved.

Minutes for the September meeting were unanimously approved with minor revisions.

TOWN ENERGY PROGRESS: Amanda Lima, the Town Engineer, has been involved with many ongoing projects. After weekly conferences with Eversource, the final tie over for the charging station at town hall will be completed by the weekend. Several charging stations will be at the Senior Center, the Bayberry Golf Course, and the DPW facility which will be occupied by the February / March timeframe. These electric charging stations on town owned property will be open to the public. The necessity of lighting and signage was mentioned.

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT - CLC: Joyce Flynn reported that the next meeting will be held on October 14, 2020. Update on Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) loan funding, rather than grant funding for energy upgrades presentation and vote. Energy audits will continue. All public comments should be submitted to Maggie Downey, Compact Administrator, at mdowney@capelightcompact.org by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2020. Barry Margolin informed the committee that CLC will be partnering with a program called Energize which will extend the Solarize effort to the 14 towns on the Cape and 6 on the Vineyard. The Compact will provide staff to help with marketing and negotiate with installers for a discount price. This will facilitate the towns participation as they will not have the grant money Yarmouth was given for the Solarize program. This will be a long-term program and most likely be launched in a year after the Covid-19 issues hopefully will be lessened.

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CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: Steve Gavin informed the committee that there is a commitment from the state for funding the D-Y High Battery. The developer will receive money and the Cape Cod Five Bank is going to do a bridge loan for 30 days as the project will involve several hundred thousand dollars. Parcel 6 is part of Section E by the wastewater treatment facility. The town has a contact for PV at the Senior Center and the DPW facility. CVEC has received the signed contracts. Nextdoor.com has over 500 people signed up for sustainability information. This website is used for information in the Yarmouth villages. Susan agreed to post info on the Energy Committee and share the Town website (and later Solarize).

PROVINCETOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: Jim Wolf advised the committee that all lighting at the airport had been converted to LED. This will provide a significant savings.

UPDATE ON ENERGY ARTICLES FOR TOWN MEETING ON NOV 17TH: General discussion regarding having the Energy Committee vote to support the two articles on the warrant or waiting until a discussion takes place with the Board of Selectmen and the Old Kings Highway Committee. Decision was made to have Joyce, Susan, and Barry create a document on the issues for the selectmen's meeting on 10/20/20. This would provide information prior to the Town Meeting.

Next meeting: November 3, 2020 4:30 PM as a ZOOM meeting. Adjourn at 6:10