



**Motion by: Mark Forest**

**Seconded by: Mike Stone**

Selectman Forest supported Option A because the results of improper disposal, particularly of antifreeze, oil, and mercury are so dire. Selectman Post stated that Yarmouth taxpayers should not bear the burden for other towns' recycling; Ms. Whitehouse explained the monitoring procedure used at the transfer station. Chairman Holcomb felt the pricing system is becoming too complex. There was no public comment. As there was no consensus on the Board after deliberation, Selectmen Stone and Forest withdrew the motion to adopt Option A.

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing, and to continue the matter to a future date for a vote.**

**Motion by: Mike Stone**

**Seconded by: Mark Forest**

**Yea 4 Nay 0**

### **3. RASWAC Annual Update**

RASWAC Co-Chairs Carol Ewing and Jill Talladay presented the annual update and thanked committee members. There is currently one vacancy. Accomplishments included increased public outreach and cost reduction efforts. A \$10,000 grant was received from the State. 2019 goals include ongoing public education, monitoring of recycling markets, and reducing the amount and cost of recycling and solid waste. The Board thanked the Committee and commended the education efforts.

### **4. Cape Light Compact 3-year Plan Presentation**

Joyce Flynn, Yarmouth representative to the Cape Light Compact, introduced Maggie Downey and Margaret Song. After a brief overview of the Cape Light Compact, the 2008 Massachusetts Green Communities Act was reviewed. The Act was recently updated, and those amendments were reviewed. The CLC has enhanced its energy-efficiency programs, and is considering strategic electrification and electric vehicle charging stations. The cost to the ratepayer is approximately \$10 per month to administer these programs.

At Mr. Stone's request, Ms. Song explained in more detail the incentives available to the Town and the battery backup program for residential customers with solar panels. There was also discussion regarding the reliability of the grid locally.

### **5. Energy Committee Update**

Joyce Flynn introduced the committee members, who explained the Committee's public outreach efforts. Sandy Cashen reported on the State's developing guidelines for battery storage, and the battery for the D-Y High School emergency shelter, which will be delivered and operational very soon. Steve Krintzman advised about the Stretch Code and the Green Communities Act which will enable the Town to apply for a significant grant. Office hours are held at the Yarmouth Senior Center to counsel residents on electricity bills, supplier offers, solar energy, and energy audits. The Committee suggested that clean energy should serve as a source of economic development and year-round, high-paying jobs; it also offered to research the cost of electric vehicle chargers as memorial gifts for residents and small businesses.

## 6. CVEC Update / Next FY Round 1 Adder

Liz Argo, manager of Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, explained that school districts and water districts now are also part of the Cooperative. The Cooperative was created to bring forward renewable energy, and upcoming initiatives were reviewed, including photovoltaic panels on Fire Stations 1 and 3. Ms. Argo provided copies of the CVEC annual report, noting that FY 20 debt is anticipated to be \$36,000, thus it is requesting a reduction of the Round 1 Adder to \$0.0025 per kilowatt hour. CVEC is now earning consulting income from towns.

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the CVEC Round 1 Adder request for FY20 at the rate of \$0.0025 per kilowatt hour.

**Motion by:** Tracy Post

**Seconded by:** Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

## 7. Parker's River Bridge Takings and Easements / Possible Vote

Chairman Holcomb tabled the Parker's River Bridge discussion.

## 8. Golf Study Results / Final Report

Pat Armstrong introduced Jim Keegan, golf consultant, Christine Seymour of the Golf Enterprise Committee, and Golf Superintendent Scott Gilmore. Mr. Keegan was charged with evaluating three types of golf course management: self-manage, lease, or independent management company. The decline in golf is nationwide, so the Town is not unique. Mr. Keegan described the processes used to determine the economic potential of the golf courses. He estimated a capacity for 120,000 rounds of golf, but only about 64,000 rounds are being used, roughly 50%. The fair market value for an unlimited golf membership is \$2,200. A survey which yielded over 2,000 responses was reviewed. Mr. Keegan suggested strongly that more technology be used in place of labor, and noted that golf courses are living organisms that need \$260,000 per year per course for capital improvement. The income generated by leasing the courses would not cover the existing debt, therefore Mr. Keegan could not recommend the lease option. Based on current policies and procedures, all three options would require general fund subsidies. Replacing the Links course with a solar farm would take 7 to 10 years to generate enough income to sustain golf with the same structure. The 5% fee increase cap would also need to be eliminated in order to make golf sustainable. Ultimately, the Town must decide if the golf course is a community asset that will be supported to some extent by the general fund or a self-sustaining business enterprise.

Selectman Holcomb asked for suggestions on changing the culture. Mr. Keegan stated that the Cape is unique because most courses have the same pricing structure, so one municipality will have to make the change and others will follow. He cited Ann Arbor, Michigan changing the age for senior membership from age 55 to age 62. Ms. Seymour admitted that the 5% cap on fees is a problem and there will have to be short-term pain, but long-term sustainability should be the goal. There was agreement to further review Mr. Keegan's report and try to move forward, with Selectman Post recommending public forums for further discussion.

## 9. Board of Selectmen

- a. Board and Committee Actions



## DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET

- Recycling Sticker Policy and Sticker Fee Hearing Presentation
- Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee Annual Update
- Cape Light Compact's 2019-2021 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- Yarmouth Town Energy Committee Annual Update
- Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. Update
- Memo to BOS from Town Planner dated September 26, 2018 re: Parker's River Tidal Restoration Bridge Replacement Project / Land Easements/Fee Takings
- Golf Study Results / Final Report Presentation
- Letter to Chair, Community Preservation Committee from Thomas Durkin dated September 10, 2018 re: Resignation from CPC
- 2018 BOS Upcoming Agenda Items Schedule
- Letter to BOS from Yarmouth Fire Department dated September 14, 2018 re: Bonfire Permit for Yarmouth Seaside Festival
- Memo to BOS from YPD dated September 21, 2018 re: Donation Approval Request