

Minutes for January 5, 2021 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)
ZOOM REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Susan Starkey, Steve Gavin, Bob Palmeri,
Sandra Cashen, Mike Duffy, Barry Margolin
TOWN STAFF: Tara Monroe, Assistant Assessor
Dan Kapnick, Town Administrator
Amanda Lima, Town Engineer

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

Motion to approve remote meeting was unanimously approved.

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

TOWN ENERGY PROGRESS: Dan Knapik said that a lot of progress has been made for the town and it will continue to explore additional roof top solar and battery storage at Town Hall to enhance the town's resilience to climate change with CVEC. An MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) action award in the amount of \$150,000 was given to the Town of Yarmouth. This grant will fund an energy resiliency planning project for two mission-critical town facilities, one being the 50 Workshop Road campus which includes the regional transfer station, septage facility, and disposal and staging area. The other facility involved in this grant is Fire Station #3, and the Town anticipates being able to integrate this site with the new DPW facility located across the street and YPD the RFP in preliminary contract stage. Vehicle energy reduction by moving the town fleet to EV. Amanda Lima said that Charging stations are available at no charge for residents, as this is part of the Green Community Grant. Town Hall work has been completed. Other charging stations at the Senior Center and Bayberry Golf are in process awaiting activation. Eversource approved DPW contractor will save \$25,000 for the town. Maverik will have a small fee from the Green Community funds. The DPW is now handling Green Community money.

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT-CLC: Joyce Flynn reported that the next meeting will be held on January 13, 2020. Possibility of Northeastern interns to work with the Energy Committee.

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: Steve Gavin informed the committee that Maria Marasco is working on the legal contracts for Round VI. The DY Battery is a basic contract with Ameresco Energy. The contract is being reviewed for approved services agreement to cover ongoing support. The contract for Senior Center is fine, however it was bundled with a project in Aquinnah which has a few things yet to be finished. Round V is moving along. Eversource connection takes time.

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UPDATE ON ENERGY ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT TOWN MEETING:

Yarmouth Climate Action Network filed petitions submitting a “climate package” of three articles for inclusion in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Two of them are substitutes for articles postponed at the November special Town Meeting, incorporating suggested revisions that came up when articles were discussed with the Board in October; the third proposal is new: By-law on energy efficiency in procurement of vehicles: These three articles will be posted to the town website prior to the town meeting.

SOLARIZE PLUS YARMOUTH: Report provided by Mile Duffy

Installer RFP issued yesterday (January 4, 2021 right on schedule). The RFP was sent to the CEC’s following stakeholder lists:

Solar PV, clean heating and cooling, vendor solicitations.

In total this went to about 5000 email addresses. These lists do tend to have all installers that have participated with CEC in the past in Solarize, Heatsmart, rebate programs, etc. We can forward this directly to any installer contacts we would like to make aware of the RFP.

Advertisers in the Crude Play program

Cotuit Solar, Solar Rising, My Generation Energy, E2 Solar, Outer Cape Energize (Solarize mass Program), and ACE Solar.

Virtual meeting with Mass CEC (Mass Clean Energy Center) and Cadmus tomorrow (Wednesday January 6) to discuss proposal review and selection process

Sandra Cashen has not received a response from Angela regarding the website changes. Apparently, her function is to update the town website with Covid information. If she is too busy Sandra will attempt to make the changes for Solarize Plus. Bob Palmeri reported that the recent Senior Center newsletter, Milestones, had a half page bulletin on page 14 for the Solarize program, which he worked on with Lisa. The emphasis was on heat pumps for senior citizens. He said that it will have to be redone for a Channel 18 sign board as it is a different software platform. Bob thinks this should have a more complete showcase of the Solarize Plus program.

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YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN:

Report by Mike Duffy

Electric vehicles - Ed Senteio provided a spreadsheet of Yarmouth vehicles by Make and Model with a 2020 bill date (~3,100 vehicles registered in Yarmouth)

I downloaded a list of all types of EVs sold in the US from 1999

through 2019. Unfortunately, since many models can be either EV or normal gasoline, impossible to determine the exact number of Yarmouth

EVs from this data. Submitted a request to the RMV for a new database of Yarmouth vehicle registrations by corresponding fuel type (Gas, Electric, Propane, Diesel, Hybrid, other).

Steve Gavin stated the AAA has road maps that show electric charging stations. Most car dealers also have charging stations. Nineteen states charge road use fees to replace the gas tax for road repair which average between \$50.00 and \$200.00 per year. MA does not have this fee at this time.

Barry Margolin mentioned that Cape Cod Five has the only solar loan on Cape Cod and it has a low rate.

ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ANNUAL SUMMARY:

Steve Gavin stated that Joyce's report covered everything and the committee agreed. The report is due January 8th for the selectmen. Joyce suggested the report should include an acknowledgment of the special contributions provided by Dan Kapnick and Rich Bienvenue to the Energy Committee and the town. This was unanimously agreed upon.

ENERGY COMMITTEE BUSINESS: Discussion regarding finding additional help with committee work as Susan Starkey will be leaving by April. Some of the suggestions were to find an intern with social media skills who could also provide backup for Sandra Cashen. Possibly posting the intern position to DY, Cape Cod Community College and Mass Maritime Academy. Dan Kapnick mentioned that the town has an account for a paid intern.

Re-election of 2020 EC officers (chair – Joyce Flynn, vice chair – Steve Gavin, and secretary – Marilyn Holle) for 2021. Conflict of interest training certificates and open meeting laws must be undertaken.

Next meeting: February 2, 2021 4:30 PM as a ZOOM meeting. Adjourn at 5:55