

Minutes for March 2, 2021 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)
ZOOM REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Susan Starkey, Bob Palmeri,
Sandra Cashen, Mike Duffy, Barry Margolin
ABSENT: Steve Gavin
TOWN STAFF: Tara Monroe, Assistant Assessor
CLC: Maggie Downey, Executive Director

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:33.
Motion to approve remote meeting was unanimously approved.

TOWN ENERGY PROGRESS: Amanda Lima, Town Engineer
We are working through getting accessible Wi Fi versus a cell phone modem at the electric charging units. If there is no Wi Fi accessibility there, the alternative is purchasing a cell phone modem, then having a monthly charge associated with these. We are exploring getting some Wi Fi boosters at the senior center, and at the golf course. The last location with Eversource is at the new DPW building which will have two charging stations. We had to get a separate work order in amendment through the town which gave reimbursement from Eversource to complete that work by the general contractor, who is doing the work for the new DPW building. They have installed the conduit, and I've gotten the work order through Eversource. When that project has reached substantial completion we are going to move into that building in mid May. Then those charging units will be online.

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: No update

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT-CLC: Maggie Downey discussed power supply. The Compact has been offering a competitively priced power supply option on an opt out basis for all of our customers residential, commercial, industrial, since 2001.

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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT-CLC CONTINUED: The Compact is the longest serving municipal aggregator in Massachusetts. She brought a slide presentation which may be seen at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mI86Y_rqXOtLmbO8ggFESSRYojEHg-B_/view?usp=sharing

Power Supply, Energy Efficiency, Consumer Advocacy, Home Energy Assessment, Mass Save Heat Loan, Residential Rebates, and Income Eligible Programs

UPDATE ON ENERGY ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT TOWN MEETING:

Yarmouth Climate Action Network petitions submitting a “climate package” of three articles for inclusion in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant had signatures certified. The articles on the warrant may be found at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wO0JaxXrawwee_EVGr7iGiekOc6ORaM3/view

The first article endorses the Energy Committee, doing outreach, around, energy efficiency, solar power battery storage heat pumps and electric vehicles. And that's just a, it's just a resolution of sentiment of support. The second article would enact a bylaw, an evaluation of a net zero design strategy, and a comparison of costs and benefits both, up front, and over the life of the building of incorporating energy efficient design into the building. The third would provide that in the future when the town replaces or adds a vehicle to its fleet if there is a battery electric vehicle that could serve the purpose. It would acquire the battery electric vehicle, unless it was cost prohibitive.

The fourth article is the one that Tom Baron submitted to require a study of the feasibility of converting the links course to a solar farm, and will be revisited at the next meeting.

There was a motion and a second for the Energy Committee to support the three articles. We need a roll call vote on this because of the remote meeting laws.

The vote was Robert Palmeri -yes, Barry Margolin -yes, Joyce Flynn – yes, Marilyn Holle – yes, Mike Duffy -yes, Sandra Cashen – yes, Susan Starkey – yes.

Unanimous.

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YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN: Mike Duffy:
no report because most of the outreach and education effort right now will be reported during the Solarize Plus Yarmouth segment.

SOLARIZE PLUS YARMOUTH: Report provided by Mile Duffy

The original due date for applicant proposals was Wednesday February 3. However, in an effort to get more proposals, the Clean Energy Center extended that due date to March 3. There are three PV proposals and two Air Source Heat Pump proposals. One new Air Source Heat Pump proposal came in with the extension. We have a virtual meeting with the Clean Energy Center on Thursday March 4th to discuss those proposals. The Solarize Plus campaign will extend all dates by four weeks.

There are two Yarmouth Solarize flyers which have been prepared and will be emailed to an extensive list of Yarmouth residents and Yarmouth organizations. We talked about those at our Solarize Plus meeting yesterday. I'm still waiting for everybody to reply with their updated list of names they would like to contact themselves.

ENERGY COMMITTEE BUSINESS: As this was the last meeting with Susan Starkey as a member of the committee, we thanked Susan for her work and insight during the last years. Joyce said that we have to give a big thanks to Susan.

Susan, thank you so much for becoming a member of Energy Committee. You did that in the time before we were pushing for the stretch code and Green Communities, and you were a major ally who brought really good ideas and wrote really good things. Ever since then you've been bringing all sorts of outside knowledge to Energy Committee, and we really have learned a lot about other organizations on the Cape working on energy.

Next meeting: April 6, 2021 4:30 PM as a ZOOM meeting. Adjourn at 6:25