

Edgartown Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

4:15 PM Tuesday July 23, 2019 – Edgartown Library

Members Present: Alan Strahler (Chair), Carla Cooper, Kara Shemeth; Absent: Bonni Widdowes

4:35 - Meeting Called to Order

Minutes from June 27, 2019, read and accepted by voice vote.

Nis Kildegaard of the Edgartown Library (EPL) gave a presentation of the potential for solar at the EPL. There is an existing proposal from South Mountain for solar panel installation on the roofs. The EPL is interested as it would not only save money, but be an educational tool for the Library and well as provide an example of renewable energy leadership for the island.

Alan Strahler suggested that the way forward might be as a Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) project. Alan agreed to find out more information about this possibility.

Carla Cooper gave a rundown of potential EV charging sites in town. Possible locations include: Town Hall Parking, Town-owned lot next to the Visitor Center, Yacht Club Parking Lot, Town Wharf Parking Lot, Mayhew Lane Parking Lot, Dark Woods Parking Lot. For solar-powered charging, i.e., solar shade canopy, the financial structure is not clear.

Kara Shemeth gave an update on the Dark Woods Parking Lot. There seems to be enough area to do something similar to what Cronig's has installed. There is enough room for the panels and there is a buffer of trees and a strip of Sheriff's Meadow property between the town-owned lot and the nearest Dark Woods homeowner.

Kara reported that Bill Bennett would like to meet with the committee and Angela Grant from the VTA would be willing to meet with the committee to go over the procedure for obtaining grants and executing a parking area project (the VTA is completing a similar project at their headquarters).

The meeting adjourned with agenda items carried over to the August meeting, with the date and time to be fixed by email.

Submitted by Kara Shemeth

Member, Edgartown Energy Committee

August 1, 2019