

**Edgartown Energy Committee**  
Minutes for Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order 4:20 pm. A quorum of 3 of 4 members was present.

**ROLL CALL**

Alan Strahler (Chair), Carla Cooper, Bonnie Widdoes

Member of the Public: Katherine (Kat) Monterosso (prospective new member)

**AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION**

1. Motion to approve the August 27, 2019 minutes, motion approved 3-0 with no discussion.
2. *Review Climate Change Adaptation presentation to the Edgartown Select Board.* The presentation was well received by the Select Board and the members of the general public in attendance. In particular, Art Smadbeck was engaged and committed to pursuing the recommendations in the presentation.
3. *Vulnerability Assessment & Adaptation Planning meeting on 9/23/19.* Department heads from the town attended the presentation by the Woods Hole Group. Topics of discussion included: 1) baselines for vulnerability – 2030 & 2070; 2) baseline data gathering that needs to include information on town structures (i.e., elevations of basements, generators, electrical services). Woods Hole Group can model storm tracks & intensities as well as storm surge scenarios based on wind direction and the effects of global warming. A report in June will assess vulnerabilities and propose actions and possible costs with associated priorities.
4. *Energy Committee's Role.* We have a number of roles to play including: 1) assist the town in reducing dependence on fossil fuels by promoting solar projects, battery electric vehicles, and electric vehicle charging stations; 2) investigating ways to achieve the 100% Renewable Martha's Vineyard community resolution; 3) promoting the Green Community designation and the adoption of the "Stretch Building Code" in Edgartown.
5. *REPA Grant Update & Green Community Designation.* This is in a holding pattern awaiting the retirement of the building inspector. We are optimistic that the Edgartown voters will be amenable to adopting the Green Community Designation because of the \$144,000 in grant funds attached to the designation, which will save taxpayers money in adaptation projects in town buildings. Would need to submit this before January 2, 2020 to be on the Town Meeting Warrant in April 2020.
6. *Municipal EVs & charging stations/Solar projects.* Since each town department has its own budget, we need to meet with each department head to talk about transitioning town vehicles to EVs. The technology is evolving rapidly and there is now the capacity to have EV school buses & commercial trucks. Transition to EV's needs to be accompanied by charging station installations at various department locations. The Energy Committee will assist the town in finding possible consultants to advise the town on future solar projects, such as solar power from the town's closed landfill. Potential assistance for identifying consultants can come from Cape Light Compact, South Mountain, and Fuller's Energy.

7. *New Members to the Energy Committee.* Kat Monterosso expressed a desire to join the EC. She is particularly interested in adaptation solutions and having a seat at the table for regional solutions to climate change. Net zero, off-grid building design is a particular interest. We also discussed approaching 3 community members to gauge their interest in joining the EC: Woody Philly, Lucy Morrison & Juliet Mulinare.
8. *Action Items:*
  - a. *Carla will post a link on social media to the MVTV Edgartown Board of Selectmen's meeting so members of the public can view Alan's presentation.*
  - b. *Alan, Bonni, and Kat will reach out to the prospective new members.*
  - c. *Bonni & Carla will investigate charging station and EV incentives (CVEC, CLC & State).*
  - d. *Alan to contact sources re: solar energy consultants and convey possible names to James Hagerty.*
  - e. *Alan will provide information to Bonni & Carla about programs and incentives that he has from Cape Light Compact and Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative.*
  - f. *Attend November 9<sup>th</sup> on-island meetings with Rep. Fernandes and Sen. Cyr about future state funding for climate adaptations.*
9. *Next Meeting:* Alan proposed that the committee meet in about 3 weeks, with the date to be determined by email.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Carla Cooper