

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Tuesday January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 4:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Energy Committee Members: Alan Strahler (Chair), Bonnie Widdoes, Carla Cooper. Associates: Geoff Thors, Stephen Turner, Juliet Mulinare.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

1. Motions to approve Minutes from October 24, 2019, December 9, 2019 & January 2, 2019. Motions carried, minutes approved by unanimous vote.
2. Motion for Edgartown Energy Committee to sign letter supporting H.2810 *An Act to Promote Green Infrastructure and Reduce Carbon Emissions*. Motion carried, approved by unanimous vote. Alan will sign the letter.
3. VTA bus charging stations on Church St. James Hagerty requests the Energy Committee agree to support the project. There was some concern about endorsing the project because the Committee has not had the opportunity to review it in full. A motion was made to support the need for inductive charging of VTA buses and the need to move quickly if grant funding is at stake. Motion carried, approved by unanimous vote.
4. Report on EV Charging Stations. Bonni has been researching and comparing different vendors for the stations. The main issues relative to the stations are: a) who pays for the electricity- users or the town; b) purchase or subscription option; c) location. A presentation to the Finance Committee will include the various options and pricing. The Committee agrees that the most feasible options for the town are: users pay for charge at .20/kwh rate, leasing or subscription option, and Park & Ride location. There are only 2 qualified vendors who offer a subscription model.
5. Green Community update. Alan reported our progress on the 5 Qualification Criteria.
 - Criteria 1 & 2 have been met.
 - Criteria 3 – we are nearing completion of entering the baseline energy usage data
 - Criteria 4 – The Town is moving toward leasing vehicles with eye toward energy efficiency
 - Criteria 5 – The Stretch Code will be on the Town Warrant in 2020 with support from the Building Inspector
6. Warrant Article for *Aspirational 100% Renewable Martha's Vineyard Community Resolution*. Juliet suggested that we prepare a flyer to hand out to people entering Town Meeting. The flyer should be a simple bulleted, single sheet with a short summary and not too wordy. Steven suggested that the language of the resolution be amended from "Island-wide goals" to "Town-wide goals". Alan will inquire about the change.
7. Spring Initiatives.
 - Steven offered his expertise in assisting the Committee in pursuing solar projects in Town

- Prepare warrant article for 2021 for hiring a consultant to assist with solar projects, including the town landfill. Town does not want CVEC. Need to ensure that solar projects benefit the town.
- Continue to pursue solar canopy at Park & Ride and panels on municipal buildings (Fire Station, Library, etc.)
- Outreach to residents for Stretch Code and 100% Renewable Resolution. Carla suggested having a local builder or town official from a town that has already adopted Green Community support the article at town meeting. Geoff can reach out to the building community, Steven can assist with the technical issues.
- Bonni & Alan will continue fine tuning the charging station proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Carla Cooper