

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Edgartown Library

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 4:05 pm

ROLL CALL

Alan Strahler (Chair), Bonnie Widdoes, Carla Cooper, Kat Montorosso, Stephen Turner

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

1. Motion to approve January 7, 2020 Minutes. Motion was seconded, and the minutes approved by unanimous vote.
2. Benson Bill (H.2810 *An Act to Promote Green Infrastructure and Reduce Carbon Emissions*)
Alan submitted endorsements for each EC member on-line.
3. VTA bus charging stations on Church St. Public hearing scheduled for 2/4/20 @4:00 pm at the request of local residents. We discussed the benefits of transitioning from diesel to electric buses and agreed that reducing noise and carbon emissions at the Church Street location was a benefit to the Town. Motion for EC to support the charging station project was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote:

“The Energy Committee supports the installation of inductive electric bus charging equipment at the Church Street VTA bus stop as essential to rapid and efficient electrification of the VTA bus fleet, thereby reducing air pollution and carbon emissions in the Historic District and saving fuel and maintenance costs for Edgartown and other island towns.”

4. Report on EV Charging Stations.
 - a) Funding article for Town Warrant was completed
 - b) Park & Ride location is the selected location thus far. EC will reach out to Dark Woods subdivision, although we do not need their approval to proceed
 - c) Eversource needs to visit the site to confirm their “Make Ready” installation will work. James Hagerty has signed off on this.
5. Green Community update.
 - a) Alan will make a presentation to the BoS on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Would be helpful to use graphics from the MEI website. Steve offered to assist with that.
 - b) The Stretch Code will be on the Town Warrant in 2020 without opposition from the Building Inspector
 - c) We need to obtain a letter from Town Counsel certifying that the MV Regional Airport has the required “As-of-Right” zoning to support energy development
 - d) The town’s energy baseline is almost complete. Still a mystery as to who delivers fuel oil to the Edgartown Police Department.
 - e) Next step is to conduct the town facility visits with RISE Engineering
6. Warrant Article for *Aspirational 100% Renewable Martha’s Vineyard Community Resolution*.

- a) Alan confirmed that the wording was changed from “island-wide” to “aspirational” per Steve’s suggestion.
7. Spring Initiatives.
- a) Continued outreach to residents for Stretch Code and 100% Renewable Resolution.
 - b) Continued fine tuning of the charging station proposal
8. Other items.
- a) Kat updated the EC on her conversation with Bill Brine Jr. about electrifying the Chappy Ferry fleet. Chappy residents are upset about the rate increases and the general management of the ferry operations. Not a good time to bring electric ferries into the conversation.
 - b) Edgartown Master Plan. Work will start after Town Meeting. EC would like representation on the Committee to ensure that energy and climate issues are addressed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Carla Cooper