

Edgartown Energy Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 4:38 PM Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:38 pm.

ROLL CALL

Carla Cooper, Kat Monterosso, Alan Strahler (Chair), Bonni Widdoes, Jack Ensor

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

1. May 26, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Energy Audit Report to Selectmen and follow-up
 - a. Alan's slide presentation to Select Board on June 22 was well received.
 - b. Message: \$161K cost, less \$59K incentives = \$102K cost for \$24K savings, 4.3-year payback. If we achieve Green Community states Edgartown could get \$130,000, which would cover the entire expense.
3. RISE Engineering is scheduled to complete the audit at the Elementary School and possibly the Council on Aging on Friday, July 10
4. Green Community Status and Energy Reduction Plan – Will be on Fall Town Warrant
 - a. Audits provide 5.4% savings so far. Need 15%, with 5% for general strategy to save the rest to get required 20%. May need to go into transportation – Margaret Song is not worried. We could possibly make up the difference with pre-2010 truck replacement & idle technology for police cars. Bonnie asked about other vehicles, i.e. street sweepers, etc.
 - b. Still waiting to see what develops with the “Net Zero” Stretch Code. New requirements are retroactive to any town that already adopted the Stretch Code. Bonnie asked “Who makes the Stretch Code decisions? Alan will find out.
5. Solar Energy Projects in Edgartown
 - a. The \$15K for a solar consultant on the town warrant was passed. Alan will coordinate with James on selecting a consultant – maybe Stephen Turner to assist – very experienced and familiar with process on Green Communities.
6. EV Chargers
 - a. Still on hold – the big budget shortfall in Edgartown may not have gotten them even if approved at TM.
7. Edgartown Master Plan 2020-2030
 - a. Warrant article pulled. Doug Finn urging Planning Board to move ahead anyway, but nothing active at the moment – Kat has been trying to reach with Doug for info.
8. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan Adaptation Progress Report 2-28-20

- a. MVP Webinar was held on May 28 by Woods Hold Group. This was one of the required “public reports” on the status of the project. Waiting for update from Jane Varkonda.
9. Report on Current Island Meetings and Other Activities Related to Energy Issues
 - a. BOEM Vineyard Wind SEIS – Public Comment – EC to send letter by July 27. Review process and outcome will be model for future wind energy projects.
 - b. MVC CATF – Sustainability planner still in hiring process. Reviewing Island Energy model pieces, Electricity, Transportation, Buildings. Scenarios for reaching 100% 2040. Friday’s Agenda: Church Street, CCC plan amendments, Zero Energy Schools Toolkit, BOEM Hearing, Transportation Model.
 - c. ICAN – Looking to see how to restart 100% renewable initiative.
10. Unanticipated Topics –
 - a. Church St. “full public review” of plan. Committee to decide whether or not inductive chargers should be placed on Church St. Alan spoke with Art Smadbeck who stated that the issue is limited to the installation of the chargers. Chargers will come back before town meeting in fall. Committee will set up so that truth gets separated from peripheral issues. Charge from town – decide on Church St. – provided at BoS meeting. Process is still TBD – how will committee function? Town meeting law? Testimony? Public comment? Agenda? Who is chair? Report at end? None of this is resolved yet.
11. Action Items
12. Time of Next Meeting to be Determined
 - a. Possibly Thursday July 23 or Wed Aug 5, depending on if any issues for discussion arise.
13. Meeting Adjourned 5:32 pm