

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Thursday, December 3, 2020, 4:30 pm via Zoom

Committee Members: Carla Cooper, Jack Ensor, Kat Monterosso, Alan Strahler (Chair), Bonni Widdoes. Associates: Stephen Turner, Public: Morgan Muir

1. Public Comment – Morgan Muir from Edgartown attended as a guest. Background: Experience in solar hot water policy & energy policy in CA, moved into mechanical and net-zero energy. Last 3 years working with Citizens Client Lobby on heat pumps policy, best practices & design. Looking to be of use here on MV.
2. October 29 Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Energy Audits and Possible Energy Reduction Measures to be Taken
 - a. Contracts almost completed for each building, James to vet and sign off. Alan waiting for contracts to arrive. Ready to move on to implementing the free stuff. RISE provided contracts for each building to do the free stuff. Once we get Green Community approved, we can start with the Edgartown School LED replacement.
 - b. Water Dept. also doing heater (not free) 20% - and well pump (100%) from CLC.
4. Green Community Status
 - a. Stretch code - Warrant article to be submitted next week for town warrant, although deadline Jan 6th. Also 100% renewable article to be submitted.
 - b. FY 2020 Baseline – Margaret needs help with Packer oil and Vineyard propane for Jan 2020 to present. Carla will follow up with Packer and Vineyard Propane.
5. Solar Energy Projects in Edgartown
 - a. Jack, Stephen and Alan meeting with James - Jack - potential funding through Vineyard Wind via community commitments, learning more about it.
 - b. James wants RFP for consultant services, some candidates identified. James to speak with potential consultants on how to structure RFP for 15K of services. Stephen - believes that an RFQ is needed to identify potential consultants. Town asked to convert to RFP - problem - we don't know what we're shopping for. Concerned about what our next step is, what expectations are. We are not ready to produce RFP since we don't know what the timetables/deliverables would be yet. Jack - CH & AQ issued RFP on landfills in the last year, trying to obtain copy of that from Richard. Could be part of solution to RFP issue by providing context. Will follow up with Richard on that. Alan - Vineyard Power funding- money issue, no money until end of 2021. Future Fire Dept/Police project could be potential Vineyard Power project.
6. EV Chargers
 - a. Updated pricing - small changes to pricing added to chart.
 - b. Alan to run new numbers and submit money article by December 10. Requires attendance at Budget meeting in January.
 - c. James to contact Eversource re: keeping town on 2021 list.
7. Edgartown Master Plan 2020-2030
 - a. Kat - nothing new to report

8. Report on Current Island Meetings and Other Activities Related to Energy Issues
 - a. Church Street Chargers – Committee and Chittick reports out; LTE to MV Times; rebuttal to Jane Chittick’s report in the works. Alan - 11/9 report presented to town.
 - b. Possibility of having an Energy Committee Facebook group to share info about what we’re doing. James says OK -- town has no social media policy in place.
 - c. EDG MVP Report –
 - i. Phase 2 of report finished, hazard identification and priorities. Presented in Zoom on 11/19. Starting phase 3, hazard mitigation plans. Should be finished in next 3 months.
 - d. MVC – Climate Change Adaptation Context Booklet for EDG –
 - i. Alan has hard copies of Edgartown version.
 - e. MVC Climate Action Task Force (CATF)
 - i. Meeting with Meghan Amsler, Self-Reliance – Cape nonprofit co-op promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy since 1980 – providing lower cost energy, co-op buying – re: PACE program for loans for solar on commercial and multifamily housing.
 - ii. State Forest, fire danger – need for on-island Forest Supt.
 - iii. Liz Durkee now Climate Change Coordinator – former OB Concom leader
 - iv. Meeting with Courtney Rocha of MVP Program, planning and action grants, tuning criteria for applications.
 - v. Energy Model working group -- Harmonizing 3 plans (transportation, buildings, electricity), developing goals and actions for reducing GHG release – Rob Hannemann will do road show with select boards on model and plans.
 - vi. Push for town climate committees - Preferably people who are known and respected in community & people with expertise
 - vii. Letter to fed and state reps re: Island test bed for grants.
 - f. VSEC (Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee) –
 - i. OB – Will not do 100% article, want to get Green Community articles through.
 - ii. WT – MVP Resiliency grant plan for 6 town buildings
 - iii. Chilmark – Firehouse + Tri-town ambulance, solar in CVEC Round 6, submitting microgrid resiliency grant
 - iv. Aquinnah – CVEC Round 5 solar for town buildings now contracted, VTA may be off-taker.
9. Unanticipated Topics
 - a. Town climate committee – Art interested, Alan to follow up.
 - b. MVC Energy Policy Update – joint meeting of EC and Planning Board in January. MVC looking to change energy policy for DRI’s
10. Action Items
 - a. Baseline info, Packer oil and Vineyard propane? Carla will follow up for 2020 data

- b. Town solar – Jack, Stephen, Alan to continue
 - c. EV Chargers – Alan to redo costs for money warrant article by Dec 10
 - d. Master Plan – Kat, Jack, Stephen
 - e. Verify solar comparison data - ask Liz Argo for Schedule Z - Stephen, does town make more energy than it uses?
11. Time of Next Meeting to be Determined first week of Jan?
12. Adjournment - 5:48pm