

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:00 pm via Zoom

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

Public Comment: None

1. Minutes from 2/16/2021 meeting approved unanimously.
2. Energy Audits and Energy Reduction Measures to be Taken (Alan)
 - a. Alan is still trying to get all the zero-cost contracts done – Still waiting on Police Dept. and Council on Aging. Anticipate they'll be completed by early next week.
3. Green Community Status (Alan)
 - a. The Stretch Code will be on the town warrant for the May 22 Annual Town Meeting. A virtual meeting about Green Communities will be held, postponed from prior date. Date will be Tuesday, May 11, 4 PM (preferred) or Thursday May 6.
 - b. FY 2020 baseline – only one piece of information is needed for completion. Eversource changed the account number for the streetlight meter, which explains the odd numbers reported in the baseline data from FY2019 & FY2020.
 - c. Draft of Energy Reduction Plan – Alan and Carla will plan meeting with Margaret Song to review the plan maybe next week.
4. Solar Energy Projects in Edgartown (Jack)
 - a. Solar consultant, Beth Greenblatt (Beacon Integrated Solutions) has been hired, contract signed, and work is about to begin. James is deciding who will be on the “working task team”. Beth is an excellent choice for her prior experience with capped landfills.
5. EV Chargers (Bonni, Alan)
 - a. No word yet on Public Use Charger program for Level-2 hardware
 - b. DC Fast charger application filed for one fast charger, even though ChargePoint suggested 2 fast chargers. James was concerned about NIMBY issues due to the size of the ground transformer required. 1 charger = transformer would be on pole and less visually intrusive.
6. Edgartown Master Plan 2020-2030 (Jack)
 - a. Consultant provided briefing to committee on content of plan. Members are looking at different sections of the current master plan. Sustainability was talked about being integral to plan, would include climate, energy, etc. Original plan focuses on downtown and upper Main St., while new plan will be broader to embrace the entire town.
7. Committee Facebook Page, Town web page –
 - a. Carla set up the Facebook Page and will start adding content as soon as page details are complete.
 - b. James OK'ed a page on the town web site. Alan is working on the Mission Statement.
8. Town Climate Committee (Alan)
 - a. Still waiting for guidance from MVC
9. Possible Mission Statement (Alan)
 - a. Jack – Consider merging two parts. Noted that we have two customers: town and its residents
 - b. Bonni - Educating residents on energy efficiency measures and incentives.
 - c. Kat - “clearing house” keeping our finger on the pulse of innovation and influencing energy policy at municipal level.
 - d. Alan - “white papers” “visual presentation” we could put out, short & focused.
 - e. Carla - all of the above can be added to FB page and shared widely.
10. Report on Current Island Meetings and Other Activities Related to Energy Issues (Alan)
 - a. Climate Action Task Force
 - i. Working on MVP grant, phase 2, resiliency planning
 - ii. Moving to push SSA into electric boating, SSA seems more open to considering.
 - iii. DRI policy on energy conservation for housing and commercial being reconsidered to be easier on net zero – problem of using someone else's solar (“offtaking”)

- b. Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee
 - i. Template for town level 5-year energy strategies / plans
 - ii. Vineyard Wind – Vineyard Power Community Benefit Agreement, benefit package to support resilience and climate change related projects.
 - 1. Twenty years, \$1M/yr. Projects to generate saving to low-income ratepayers; new project opportunities.
 - 2. VSEC as core advisory committee to advise on projects, through 2023.
 - 3. List of three projects from each town requested by VSEC
 - iii. Rob Hanneman slide presentation to take to energy committees, select boards, etc. on results of modeling work, predicting future energy shifts and electric power needs by Eversource.
 - c. Church Street Chargers
 - i. Report copies printed, being distributed to Town officials and others
 - ii. Poster designed by Carla will be hung around town, also postcard possibly sent to every box in 02539 by VTA
 - iii. Outreach to organization newsletters
 - iv. LTEs etc. as TM approaches.
11. Unanticipated Topics
- a. CLC Clean Peak use of diesel generators. Need to reduce peak energy demand. Residents can sell solar generated battery power or diesel power to CLC during peak demand.
 - b. **Motion** – Resolved, that the CLC Clean Peak program should accept only battery power from renewable sources and not accept power generated from fossil fuels. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - c. Request for support letter for MVC MVP grant funds to develop an island Climate Action Plan (CAP)
12. Action Items
- a. Alan to complete assembly of no-cost energy conservation measure agreement and send to Rise Engineering
 - b. Alan & Carla to meet with Margaret Song to review Draft Energy Reduction Plan
 - c. Jack and Alan to continue working with Beth Greenblatt and James Hagerty on landfill solar.
 - d. Kat, Alan, Jack to liaise with Master Plan
 - e. Alan and Carlo to work on content for web and FB pages
 - f. Alan to keep refining Mission Statement
 - g. Alan will write letter to support MVC MVP Climate Action Plan (CAP) grant application
13. Time of Next Meeting
- a. Thursday Apr 15th, 5 PM
14. Adjournment 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Cooper