

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Thursday, January 7, 2021, 4:30 pm via Zoom

Committee Members: Carla Cooper, Jack Ensor, Kat Monterosso, Alan Strahler (Chair), Bonni Widdoes. Public - Morgan Muir, James Robinson (ToE Intern)

1. Public Comment
 - a. Alan recognized James Robinson, who identified himself as an intern working with James Hagerty, attending to learn more about town functioning. Alan welcomed him on behalf of the committee.
2. December 3rd minutes approved unanimously.
3. Report on Joint Meeting with Planning Board 5 Jan 202
 - a. MVC DRI policy – net zero for residential, commercial – policy but not regulation.
 - b. Planning board concerns – too costly for low-income residents, loss of jobs in fuel sector, cost of solar. Some positive comments on the need for action. Jack – disappointed that there was not more specific discussion.

Bonni- need to get info out on funding for energy efficient systems. Planning Board needs more understanding of the technology. Mosaic - financing company for energy efficient hardware. Maybe future presentation to Planning Committee on new technologies and funding. <https://www.joinmosaic.com/>

Alan - 2 Educational Issues - Public and Planning Board.
4. Energy Audits and Energy Reduction Measures to be Taken
 - a. Zero-cost contracts going out this week or weekend with cc: to Town Administrator.
5. Green Community Status
 - a. Stretch Code – warrant article submitted. Alan - need to get construction industry to buy in and support at Town Meeting
 - b. FY 2020 Baseline – Carla obtained most of the usage data from Vineyard Propane. She will follow up for VTA data on motor fuels. Carla also contacted Packer and will follow up. Grant supporting Margaret Song runs till May or June.
6. Solar Energy Projects in Edgartown (Alan, Jack)
 - a. Copies of old RFPs for Aquinnah and Chilmark landfill solar obtained from Vineyard Power, but not for lease arrangement, which is what the town wants.
 - b. James says go ahead and contact Beth Greenblatt as possible consultant. Jack will contact her about what services she can provide and ask for sample RFP she may have provided other communities. She has positive recommendation from other towns.
 - c. Unlikely but possible to get to a lease item on the special town warrant.
7. EV Chargers (Bonni, Alan)

- a. Updated cost estimates for chargers, same \$26K, submitted to annual town warrant, will be reviewed by FinCom and BoS on Jan 26.
 - b. New development: Mass Electric Vehicle Incentive Program Public Access Charging Program opened on December 29, submitted Jan 5. First come first served program. Free hardware and shipping, \$15,390, town does installation, warranty, networking, site prep.
 - c. Possible addition of fast DC charger, exploring this avenue. Bonni will be comparing prices.
8. Edgartown Master Plan 2020-2030 (Kat, Jack, Stephen) Committee has not met. Nothing to report.
9. Possible Committee Facebook Page
- a. Town has no policy on social media, James has OKed if we want to do it. Carla will work on it.
10. Town Climate Committee
- a. Awaiting guidance from MVC, Liz Durkee to provide. Alan spoke with Art Smadbeck about establishing Climate Committee. Energy Committee - mitigation; Climate Committee - Adaptation
11. Report on Current Island Meetings and Other Activities Related to Energy Issues
- a. Climate Action Task Force (CATF) --
 - i. Roll out of proposed DRI and Energy Policy to BoS's. Letter to Markey, Warren, Keating re: MV as test bed for climate mitigation and resilience (adaptation) programs (VTA has had success with this approach), hoping to get federal funding from Biden admin. Liz Durkee working on island climate book. Possible energy modeling group booklet. Guidance for town energy committees. Resilience committee to develop packages for each town.
 - ii. Compiling list of infrastructure projects for island, MA Joint Transportation Commission is planning now. 2021 goals for CATF. Road map to 2040. Outreach to towns with goals.
 - b. Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC) – Annual energy report for island, Vineyard Power intern to provide data. How to encourage community solar, green transportation. “Energize Cape and Islands” campaign to start soon – incentives for heat pumps, solar, batteries, insulation, etc., from CLC.
12. Action Items
- a. Jack will lead the consultant effort
 - b. Carla FB page - follow up with Packer & VTA
 - c. Bonni & Alan - work on EV Chargers
 - d. Kat will keep us up with Town Master Plan
 - e. Promote VTA Charging Station on social media and with friends & family
13. Time of Next Meeting to be Determined

- a. Thursday Feb 4 or 11? Change to 5 PM? – Change agreed by consensus.
14. Adjournment 5:50 pm - Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.