

Edgartown Energy Committee
Minutes for Thursday, April 15, 2021, 5:00 pm via Zoom

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

1. Minutes from 3/18/2021 meeting approved unanimously
2. Clean Peak diesel generator resolution – CLC still waiting for more info before revisiting. Next CLC meeting 4/21.
3. Energy Audits and Energy Reduction Measures to be Taken
 - a. Zero-cost contracts are done and with Rise for execution - Alan is continuing to follow up with Rise
4. Green Community Status
 - a. FY 2019 baseline - Alan got streetlight info needed and forwarded to Margaret.
 - b. Alan and Carla went through the Energy Reduction Plan with Margaret Song on March 23rd. We are at 17% savings due to all the LEDs needed in the Elementary School. 20% is need – we will make up the rest by “changing habits”.
 - c. Alan will report on Green Community status and Stretch Code to Select Board on April 26.
5. Stretch Code Town Warrant Article (Alan)
 - a. Alan will focus on Stretch Code at April Select Board meeting to get the word out to the papers.
 - b. Alan zoomed with Lisa Sullivan (Green community coordinator) and Will D’Arigo (Stretch Code expert) re: Stretch Code –focused on added costs, ventilation, and other background issues.
 - i. Ventilation - mechanical ventilation is required whether stretch code is adopted or not
 - c. Public Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 11, at 4 PM with Lisa Sullivan and Will D’Arigo to promote the Stretch Code and answer questions. Reade Milne, EDG Building Inspector, will also attend.
 - d. May put together joint meeting with OB Energy Committee and Planning Board to promote Stretch Code.
 - e. Committee needs to help find supporters to step up to the mic at Town Meeting.
 - f. Possible postcard mailing to attendees of last year’s TM – need to get check-in lists and cross with town voter list as per last year. Bonni will collect data for mailing.
 - g. Alan will contact Builders Assoc. to notify about Stretch Code initiative & potentially Eddie Cottle to speak at Town meeting in support of green energy projects.
6. 100% by 2040 Article (Alan)
 - a. Public meeting via Zoom planned for Thursday May 18 at 4 PM. Various presentations.
 - b. Need to recruit town voters to support at TM.
 - c. Possible postcard mailing as per Stretch Code (Bonni)
 - d. Future Grant opportunities if town can be a leader
7. Solar Energy Projects in Edgartown (Jack)
 - a. Solar consultant has provided RFP draft to town to look at. Next step - James to appoint RFP evaluation Committee, he’s waiting for BoH & Planning Committee to get back to him. Alan and Jack are reviewing RFP. Limiting project to the capped landfill.
 - b. “Landfill Solar Committee” to be appointed to review and coordinate development .
8. EV Chargers (Bonni, Alan)
 - a. Public Use Charging and Direct Current Fast Charging programs -- no word yet on either application yet.
 - b. Alan starting conversation with Chair of Dark Woods Board (Cliff Mehan).
9. Edgartown Master Plan 2020-2030 (Kat, Jack)
 - a. Kat has formally joined committee; Alan is ex-officio; Jack as citizen
 - b. Kat - need to be better at getting community invested in our projects - provide info on social media/transparency/community engagement (Survey Monkey?)
10. Committee Facebook Page, Town web page
 - a. Carla still waiting for copy (mission statement) to place on the town page from Alan
 - b. Same for FB page
11. Town Climate Committee

- a. Still waiting for guidance from MVC
- 12. Report on Current Island Meetings and Other Activities Related to Energy Issues (Alan)
 - a. Climate Action Task Force
 - i. Meeting of March 19
 - 1. Thinking about a Post-Disaster Plan – how to build back in a more resilient way.
 - 2. Climate Week planned for November – week of separate, possibly coordinated, activities during week of UN Climate Change COP26 in Glasgow. EC solicited. Island EV Parade
 - 3. Possible Community-Based Agreement with Mayflower Wind
 - 4. Gathering a list of resiliency projects for Markey, Warren, Keating
 - 5. SSA will undertake a feasibility study of electrification of vessels; needs funding help.
 - ii. Meeting of April 2
 - 1. New climate bill – 50% reduction over 1980 usage by 2030; includes Environmental Justice, Stretch Code for energy savings; need to watch carefully as climate roadmap rules are crafted and implemented.
 - 2. 7 offshore wind projects expected – 42% of Mass (present?) electric demand.
 - 3. Climate Week planning continues; still working on mechanism for charitable funding for various activities; political outreach continues; Vineyard Energy Project (2003, started Vineyard Power) looking to help present efforts
 - b. Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee Mar 17
 - i. Energy Transformation Roadmap being drafted by Rob Hanneman, to be presented to CATF, select boards and relevant committees, CLC directors, community at large. Engagement with Eversource is key.
 - c. Church Street Chargers
 - i. Printed report copies distributed to Town officials and others
 - ii. Poster designed by Carla is being printed, will be hung around town next week. Also a postcard will be sent to every box in 02539 by VTA (another design by Carla!)
 - iii. Alan put a 9-slide show on the VTA website to hit the high points. Linked on the home page: <https://www.vineyardtransit.com>.
 - iv. Outreach to organization newsletters in place. See April ICAN newsletter.
 - v. LTEs etc. as TM approaches.
- 13. Unanticipated Topics
- 14. Action Items
 - a. Alan to draft Mission Statement for FB Page
 - b. Solicit volunteers to speak at TM in support of Warrant Articles.
- 15. Time of Next Meeting to be Determined
 - a. Thursday May 13 At 5 PM
- 16. Meeting Adjourned 6:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Cooper