

EC MINUTES 2-14-24 - approved unanimously on 4/10/24

Present: John Christensen (chair), Richard Andre, Nicola Blake, Michael Gately, Sue Hruby, Kate Warner, Kate Guiney (admin)

Meeting called to order at 8:38 AM

Outreach re: free energy audit/rebate

- How are residents receiving info on free energy audit from Vineyard Power (VPow)?
- Insert sent in Q3 tax form.
- Discussion re: reaching income-eligible residents for VPow/Cape Light Compact (CLC) rebate, since not all on Town roster: some privately owned but deed-restricted, some managed by Dukes County, some in private homes but otherwise income eligible. Help needed from Town reaching remaining households via social media, flyers, website, etc.
- Proposal that announcement re: energy audit be made at Town meeting

WTis Library Round 6 RFP Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC)

- Luke Lefebre of VPow gave presentation
- 3 potential bidders went on site visit: Ameresco, Green Skies, Resonant Energy
- RFP due 3/25/24; award 4/25/24. Town has been notified that specific site considerations must be submitted
- Behind-the-meter
- PPA: up to \$210k in equal payments of up to \$10.5k over 20 yrs; intended energy savings for Library 10%.
- ESS grant: 1-time estimated \$135k after 10 yrs. (ESS critical for site resilience)
- Total grant: estimated \$345k (covers difference btw just solar PPA v. solar + ESS PPA + ESS replacement).
- Absorption of net-metering credits to CVEC off-takers, when possible

School Level 2 EV chargers

- Waiting for Eversource to receive easement in order to lay cable
- Easement: Article 29 in Town Warrant
- Due to delay, new grant extension needed for EVIP from MassDEP (current extension 3/31/23)
- KG to request grant extension for EVIP from MassDEP

School Energy Performance

- School included in Green Communities 2 years ago; doesn't meet 20% reduction requirement - urgent need of reno or loss of status
- Must get issue of School reno before CapPlan and FinComm
- Proposal: recommend reno one section at a time; Middle School best option
- Proposal: specific committee formed for reno project; should include some members of earlier committee convened by Up-Island District

New Business

Proposal to have on Agenda at every Committee monthly mtg:

- Goals: What progress?
- Subcommittee reports
- Report from KG on activities, questions

Committee priorities from Committee members (w exception of RA and MG)

- List of heads/contact people for WTis Road Association Contact list
- School/reno/Green Committee
- research re: Level 3 charger for Public Safety Building
- funding for School reno
- Clarification of School energy use via MEI

When to have presentation to public on Specialized Code?

- Zoom mtg 2 weeks before Town Meeting; KW will present slide show
- To be schedule Sun 3/24 at 3pm, Wed 3/27 at 5pm.
- Specialized Code item 8 on warrant for Town Meeting.

Climate Action Fair Sun 5/19/24, 12pm-4pm at Ag Hall. Topic: Resilient Landscapes.

- KG to sign up for table

Meeting adjourned 10:29

Next meeting 3/13/24