

EC MINUTES 3-13-24 – approved unanimously 4/10/24

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

Meeting called to order at 8:33 AM

Proposed: handout for Town Meeting on Specialized Code, card stock if possible; decision BW vs. Color based on price difference; inclusion of photo of Melissa Hoffer, from Tisbury Printer.

Announced: John Christensen will not return to Committee next term.

Discussion of Committee Priorities

Top Priorit(ies) by Member

Richard Andre:

- School reno, by far. RDH Report must be posted on EC page. Recommends approaching project in phases – e.g., Middle School – to make more palatable for funding; Reno of Middle School in and of itself may lead to needed 20% reduction.

Kate Warner:

- School – determine current use based on MEI data; get plan on FY 2025; use loss of Green Communities as focal point. Largest issue will be staging.
- Level 3 charger at PSB – further research needed for presentation to FinComm
- draw up specific plan for reaching 2040 goals to put before FinComm, all Town buildings

Sue Hruby:

- Essential to circle back to CLEAR report and highlight to residents urgent need that Town buildings be emergency-ready

Recommended all Members read RDH School report for next mtg.

Recommended to solicit ideas from other Committees re: School reno – FinComm, Cap Plan, School Committee

Level 3/DC Fast chargers

Information needed:

- Cost?
- Potential locations?
- Public use v. solely Municipal?
- Number needed?
- Maintenance?
- Not our remit to enlist private entities to install chargers, but Committee can undertake advocacy role, work with VSEC

Heat Pumps for pools in Town

- Propane heating generally preferred by contractors due to familiarity

- Not possible to affect mandates in by-laws since code is determined by State
- Proposed Vpow advocacy around heat pumps for builders – YouTube, in person
- Possibility of involving MV Builders' Association, due to their reach

Town Visioning eve 4/26 – all day 4/27

- To be run by Planning Board
- Results to go into Town Strategic Plan
- Potentially, projects will come out of event
- Important that EC members get climate and energy issues onto table during Friday problem-solving breakout groups, given level of public disinformation
- Draw attention to what Town is doing in terms of reaching 2040 emissions goals
- Emphasize current vulnerability of Town/Island in terms of emergency
- More comprehensive emergency response plan is critical

Confirmation actions to Affordable Housing Committee (letters to income eligible residents on rebates from VPow; rebate info on AH page). Matters before AH Committee.

Confirmation updates to EC page on Town website.

Further discussion re KG discussion with Kim Peters, Artis Energy Solutions.

WTis Library Update

- Responses due from developers 3/25/24
- CVEC allotted 4 weeks from 3/25 to review RFP responses (if any)
- CVEC then returns to Town for input: Does proposal meet Town objectives?
- 4/25/24 award to developer
- Thru May, contract to be negotiated and other parties (e.g., Eversource) involved

Meeting ends 9:56 am