**WT Energy Committee**

Minutes

4.20.21

Present: Richard Andre, Nicola Blake, Geoff Freeman, Sue Hruby, Rebekah Thomson, Kate Warner. *(absent Ron Dagostino)*

Guest: Rob Hauck

1. **Minutes** of 3/30/2021 approved.

2. **Discussion of Resilience report**

**Sue:**

* Create list of immediate, midterm and long term actions (i,m,lt)
* Immediate fixes list- hand over to Jen Rand
* Get Select Board to buy into strategy (report summary pages)
* Energy Efficiency (EE) theme cuts across i,m,lt
* Improve performance of generators
* Maximize solar and storage (go slow with storage till technology catches up)
* "Move the Mission"
  + We assist or ask Russ about operational contingency plans
  + If exists, update
  + Plans for each building, approved by building managers
* Water access locations
  + Where and how power?

**Richard:**

* Put actions into a 5 year plan
* Resources needed- both money and time
  + who gets it done?
  + The WHO + what and when
* Identify Library and Public Safety Building (PSB) as first 2 solar/battery projects
  + Maybe also canopy for Howes House?

**Geoff:**

* What's next?
* How can we pay for it?
  + Where is the money going to come from?
  + What is grant eligible and what is not grant eligible?
* How are we going to maintain systems down the road?
  + Ex: batteries and recycling of batteries
    - Information for public

**Rebekah:**

* Will we be presenting this to the Select Board?
  + How can we present in a way that is not overwhelming?
  + How can we break it down?
* How work with the different entities?

**Nicola:**

* Huge job
  + Who's going to push it through?
  + Seems to be a will there but not a way
* If town prioritizes this, needs to be someone to handle

**Kate will prepare a draft list of immediate, midterm and long-term tasks for review and editing by all—before May 5th meeting**

**3. Further School Discussion**

* Is there Green Communities funding for engineering/feasibility study?
  + Kate explained that in talking to Oak Bluffs Town Administrator, that a feasibility study outlines the task, prepares drawings and specs sufficient for an initial cost estimate that is then brought to the voters for approval
  + Are there other avenues for funding a feasibility study
  + Is the fact that it is 3 towns make it more appealing for funding?
  + Does the 100% Renewable resolution passage help?
* How would a feasibility study differ from what Marc Rosenbaum had proposed?
* Idea of School as informal shelter—to help with funding opportunities
* Energy Efficiency is one thing but there may be other aspects that aren't energy related that need to be addressed: ADA, OSHA, fire safety, future student enrollment/needs, requirements for it to be a shelter
* Need a School subcommittee to oversee the project
* Need to understand the relationship between the Town and the School
  + Town (and Chilmark, Aquinnah) responsible for physical building and costs?
* School is a big project—might take 10 years but there are things we can do in short term and onward. (lighting, for example)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday May 5th, 8:30 am.