

West Tisbury Energy Committee

Minutes, Wednesday, October 5, 2022

8:30 AM, Virtual meeting via Zoom

Approved Nov. 2, 2022

Present: Kate Warner (chair), Nicola Blake, Richard Andre, Sue Hruby.

Absent: Ron Dagostino

Also present: Amelia Smith (assistant), Michael Gately.

Meeting opened at 8:34 AM

1. Minutes of July 6 and September 8, 2022 approved.
2. **School update** by Kate Warner: A final report has been done by RDH Building Science and presented to the UIRSC. The UIRSC seemed largely supportive of the project. The Select Board said that they want the school to be a possible future shelter. Russ Hartenstine prepared a list of what would be needed for the School to be a shelter. Kate is to meet with the Principal to hear what more she would want done to the School.
3. **Howes House update** by Richard Andre: There are focus groups occurring this week to discuss the future of the Howes House. There is an upcoming meeting to discuss payment arrangement between West Tisbury, Chilmark, and Aquinnah of the project. It is important to the Energy Committee that the project be 100% electric.
4. Kate discussed the appointment of a representative to the **Eversource Working Group**, which would work with Eversource on a strategic plan for the Island to modernize the electric grid and increase resilience. The appointment will be on the October 19th Select Board meeting agenda.
5. Update on what Amelia has been doing: Amelia has been looking into grant possibilities. She has updated a link for information about heat pump rebates on the Energy Committee's webpage and gotten a price quote for including a one-page flyer in the 2023 motor vehicle excise tax mailing. Kate suggested including links to information from the Heat Smart Alliance program on the EC town webpage, in addition to the links to Cape Light Compact.
6. Discussion of the 5-year plan, and designating leads from the committee to work on the municipal building projects:
 - a. Get funding for energy analysis of Public Safety building onto Spring Town Meeting warrant. Ask whether the communications center could be moved

from Fire Station 1 to the Public Safety Building. Richard to meet with Fire Chief to discuss.

- b. Library: Richard will take the lead on getting the dedicated loads subpanel re-wired to have the correct critical emergency loads.
 - c. Town Hall/VTA, Kate will reach out to Angie Grant to see where VTA is with regard to installing a battery at the Town Hall site.
 - d. Nicola will work on EV charging at the school. Discussion of whether to have Level 2 vs Level 3 chargers for the school.
7. Funding: Richard wants to see if we can get some of these projects funded by Cape Light Compact.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM

Next meeting: Nov. 2, 8:30 AM, via Zoom