

Minutes
West Tisbury Energy Committee

12 July 2023

Minutes Approved 2 August, 2023

Present: Kate Warner, John Christensen, Nicola Blake, Sue Hruby, Richard Andre, Ron Dagostino

Not Present: Michael Gately or (Assistant Amelia Smith)

Meeting opened at 8:30 AM

1. **Minutes of 14 June 2023** approved, with corrections.
2. **Approval has been sent to CVEC to go ahead** with including West Tisbury Library in the next RFP.
3. Nicola reported that the **CLC summer rates** for electricity are considerably lower.

Current electricity rates

Cape Light Compact 100% Renewable Electricity (supplied by NextEra Energy Services)

June 2023 – December 2023 is **14.839 cents/kWh**

Eversource Basic Service Rate

July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 is **16.078 cents/kWh**

So the current CLC/NextEra rate is **1.239 cents/kWh** cheaper than Eversource

4. **Discussion about Vineyard Wind** and whether it will lower our electrical rates. Richard explained that Vineyard Wind power has been bought up by Eversource, National Grid and Unitil. (not Cape Light Compact's supplier Nextera) Rates are approved by the DPU and will be passed through so hope is it will impact our rates as well. We do receive some of the power as it lands via 2 cables in Barnstable and then provides power to the Cape and other places.
5. **Building Committee report by Kate--**
RISE Engineering still working on their recommendations for the Library. Will be submitted to Jen Rand in about 2 weeks. Agreement by BC to do a short term fix on another leak in hopes that soon the whole system will be revamped.
Police Station has 6 ceiling cassettes that are not working and need to be replaced. Jen will be working with Joe Tierney and Louis deGeofroy on a bid package for that.
Howes House needs to have zone valves installed so boiler functions better and provides heat only where needed. Louis working on that.
6. **Energy committee charge and mission:**
John said current document was not submitted to Select Board as yet. Awaiting mission

pieces that Sue and Nicola will work on this month for both energy and climate committees.

Discussion about who it should say might serve on committee: “preference for people with energy knowledge and expertise” was suggested.

7. Chargers at School.

Meeting with rep from Chargepoint was postponed. Nicola believes Maverick is trying to work with Steamship to get over here to do service work needed.

8. Election of Officers (1 year term)

John Christensen, chair

Richard Andre, vice chair

Kate Warner, clerk

9. Suggestion made that the **next meeting** be devoted to picking 3 things we would focus on in this next year. Kate to send visioning documents that we prepared before for peoples’ review. Will try to meet in person for this meeting. Concern that next Green Communities application will be in October and can we be ready for that.

Meeting ended at 9:17 AM

Next meeting: Wednesday August 2, 8:30 AM