

## West Tisbury Energy Committee

Minutes, Wednesday November 16, 2022

8:30 AM, Virtual meeting via Zoom

*Minutes approved December 14, 2022*

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

Also present: Amelia Smith (assistant), Michael Gately, Luke Lefeber (Vineyard Power).

Meeting opened at 8:33 AM

1. Minutes of November 2, 2022 approved.
2. META grant: the committee decided not to pursue this at this time.
3. Richard Andre gave an update on investments from offshore wind developers for Martha's Vineyard that were secured by Vineyard Power. Vineyard Power has negotiated three payments of \$7.5 million from 3 wind energy projects for a total of \$22.5 million to be paid over the course of 20 years that will support income-eligible ratepayer support and the island's transition to 100% renewable.
4. Luke Lefeber talked about funds from the Resiliency & Affordability Program that are being administered by the Vineyard Power Development Fund. He provided an overview of how the funds might be distributed across the 6 municipalities on the Vineyard. Funds will enable the development of resiliency projects that are comprised of solar, batteries and battery replacements at critical public, nonprofit, and tribal facilities. He presented a checklist for towns to prepare an RFP (Request for Proposals) aligned with their strategic resiliency objectives.
5. Discussion of whether to go ahead with CVEC's (Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative) reissuing of round 6 RFPs, for the library project. Richard said that we don't have all the information we need for an RFP because we -- the energy committee on behalf of the town -- need to work through more items on the checklist in order to create an appropriate RFP. No vote was taken. Richard, Ron, and Sue expressed that they didn't think we were ready to do an RFP.
6. Richard says that in order to get this done, we need to know town's energy use: how much each municipal account is using and how much the solar array at the landfill is producing. Sue Hruby and Luke will get this information from Bruce Stone, town accountant.

Meeting ended at 9:35 AM

**Next meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8:30 AM, via Zoom (rescheduled to Dec. 14)**