

Minutes

West Tisbury Energy Committee

1 February 2023, 8:30 AM

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

Not Present: Ron Dagostino, Michael Gately

Also present: Amelia Smith (assistant)

Minutes approved March 8, 2023.

1. Approval of Minutes of 25 January 2023
2. New members: The committee can now have seven members, and could be open to associate members as well. John Christensen and Michael Gately will be appointed.
3. EV Charger Warrant Article: Nicola and Amelia have taken their research on EV Chargers to the Select Board, who expressed support for going ahead with the Level 2 chargers at the school. A Level 3 fast charger may be considered again in the future, with an eye to what happens with the fast charger in Chilmark. The Capital Improvements Committee rated the school charger project a priority 2, but if the Mass EVIP funding is granted before the Annual Town Meeting and the total cost to the town is reduced to less than \$20,000, it will no longer be in the Capital Improvement Committee's purview.

Adjustments were made to the language of the warrant article which will be sent on to Jen Rand.

There is a question of how charger fees will be set at the new and existing EV chargers. Kate will discuss EV charging policy with representatives of other towns at the upcoming VSEC meeting.

4. CVEC position: Jen Rand would like to resign from being the CVEC representative for West Tisbury. The committee will continue to look for a new representative to replace her.
5. It was decided to make the committee's regular meeting time the second Wednesday of the month.
6. Kathy Logue asked if we wanted to put an insert in the February excise tax mailing. The committee has not organized a mailing for this year but would like to put this in the calendar for next year.
7. Beacon Wind: The Select Board had determined they didn't want to be a consulting party for the Beacon Wind project, but Richard feels that they should reconsider in light of the fact that they

may be passing up on significant compensation. Amelia will speak with Jen and alert her to the fact that this is a potential funding opportunity for the town, and ask if the Select Board would be open to reconsidering.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM

Next meeting March 8th.