

West Tisbury Energy Committee

8 March 2023

Approved April 12, 2023

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

Absent: Ron Dagostino

Also present: Kathy Logue, Amelia Smith (assistant)

Meeting convened 8:30 AM

1. The **minutes** of February 1, 2023 were approved.
2. The committee discussed how to ensure that the Energy Committee is included in plans and decisions about buildings that are in our domain. Richard, Sue, and Kate have met with Bruce and Kathy to discuss having a representative of the Energy Committee on the Facilities Committee and on the Capital Improvements Committee (CIC). Kathy said that the process to join the CIC as an at-large member would be to propose someone to the Select Board.
3. Kate reminded members to report back to the committee if they are at a meeting and hear something that is in the energy committee's domain. Kathy reminded members that anyone can sign up for alerts to see what is on the agendas of town boards and committees through the town webpage. John suggested that people could be assigned to track what's happening in various other committees.

Richard volunteered to be the representative for the at-large seat on the CIC. Kate will send in a request to the Select Board, asking to appoint Richard to the CIC and will also request that the Select Board add an Energy Committee representative to the Facilities Committee. It was decided that Kate would be the official representative but that John would also attend the meetings.

4. John asked how and when this committee came into existence? A discussion of the origins and definition of the energy committee's role, mandate, and membership will be added to next month's agenda.
5. Amelia has organized the **town building information** and reports into a Google Drive folder and will be moving them into the Dropbox system that Louis de Geofroy uses. She will compile the equipment list from various reports.

6. Richard noted that municipalities work with **Cape Light Compact (CLC)** directly through Margaret Song, not through Vineyard Power which is the Mass Save community partner on the Vineyard. Richard suggested that Laura Selmer and/or Margaret Song from CLC should attend this committee's meetings quarterly. Erik Peckar will be looking to be replaced as our representative on the Cape Light Compact board. John volunteered to represent West Tisbury for the **Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC)**.

7. The **EV charger warrant article** has been placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Planning Board has submitted the **Pool bylaw**. The Planning Board will be discussing this and the other warrant articles they are responsible for in their meeting on March 20th and in a public hearing at 5:30 on March 27th. The agenda is posted here: https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf8396/f/agendas/planning_agenda_3.27.23.pdf

8. The discussion with other towns about **EV chargers** shows that the current practice is to just charge for electricity. Richard noted that this is consistent with the towns budgeting to pay for software and maintenance costs. Kate says that discussion of EV charger pricing is on the agenda for the upcoming VSEC meeting. The library/Howes House parking lot charger still does not have a meter. Kate will mention that to Eversource at her next meeting with them.

9. Richard spoke to Jen Rand about **Beacon Wind**. The property that will be potentially visually impacted by the Beacon Wind is owned by the Trustees of Reservations who will be represented with Beacon Wind, so the town is not going to be directly involved with that.

10. Committee members must take the **New Conflict of Interest** training.

The next meeting will be on 12 April at 8:30 AM.