

Energy Committee
Minutes of Meeting August 18, 2020

Meeting Opened: 8:50 am via Zoom

Attending: Richard Andre, Ron Dagostino, Nicola Blake, Sue Hruby, Rebekah Thomson, Kate Warner

6/23 Minutes will not be approved until all members have been sworn in for the year. Please make sure you stop by Town Hall before the next meeting (9/8).

Discussion centered around whether to keep the Renewable Warrant on the calendar for the Fall meeting, and what to do to prepare and follow up. The following was discussed.

We agreed that we should go ahead and see if Chilmark/Aquinnah will join us. Edgartown and Oak Bluffs are concentrating on Green Communities.

We agreed to resurrect the post cards asking people to vote for the Warrant at the Fall Town meeting. Kate will see what she's got left. We will also ask the Town Columns to mention the warrant vote.

Kate can do another poster to encourage support of Resolution at Town Meeting

Sue will talk to Rob about writing a position paper for the Times. Other thoughts were to write letters to the editor.

After the warrant (assuming it passes) we speculated:

In general we will start with some sort of education/information effort, followed by more specific actions. We need to educate ourselves regarding some of the technologies –i.e. how pervasive are heat pump installations, hybrid electric water heaters—maybe have a “front Porch” discussion with HVAC and Plumbers. ,

Looking at fuels in use right now, we speculated that many may use propane as a transitional supplement to Air Source Heat Pumps before electric is fully embraced.

The group should look at the MVC energy papers to get a feel for the scope of what's in front of us as far as policy direction.

Once we are more informed we can start formulating possible goals. Kate emphasized the need to follow on the warrant meeting with some specific actions.

We'll continue that discussion at our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:50 am.

Next meeting: September 8, 2020 8:30 am via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Hruby