

**Minutes**  
**West Tisbury Energy Committee**  
10 May 2023 8:30 AM, Via Zoom

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

**Absent:** Michael Gately, Ron Dagostino

**Also present:** Amelia Smith (assistant), Luke Lefeber

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1. Minutes of 12 April 2023 approved
2. Sue and John met with Greg Pachico about the fire station. He is concerned about fire risk associated with batteries, but is willing to go along with what the town wants. The roof shingles, which are nearing the end of their life expectancy, would need to be replaced to install solar panels on the roof. John said that putting in an exhaust system for the trucks would be a simple way to improve the energy efficiency at that building, and Sue said that Louis de Geofroy is working on the air exchange project now. She suggested looking for funding to fold that into a larger project. A next step would be to do another energy audit with Rise Engineering. Sue and John will reach out to Greg Pachico about the audit and Richard and Amelia will contact Cape Light Compact (CLC) about funding opportunities for this project. Kathy said that there will be a fall town meeting this year, so this project could go on that warrant if it was ready by mid-September.
3. The EECBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program) is not open for communities of less than 35,000 at this time and the DOER (Department of Energy Resources) will issue an opportunity to smaller communities at a future date.
4. Nicola reported that we are approved for the Eversource Make Ready incentive for the school EV chargers. Maverick will be doing the work, and Kate said that she would speak to Ronit Goldstein at Eversource about how to move this project along.
5. The committee reviewed the proposed document defining its purview and structure, discussed comments, and made additional notes. John and Richard will work as a subcommittee to refine the Charge and Sue will act as editor.
6. Kate met with Mark Higgins, the new COO of the SSA. He is working to move the Steamship towards electrification of the fleet. He has submitted one grant and has another to do for the fall.
7. The Dropbox folders for town building information need further corrections, especially for the school. Login access should be available to people holding various roles and Amelia will get that information to people.
8. Richard says that CVEC (Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative) has reached out to the town to see if it is interested in rebidding the Library project and that this committee

needs to recommend whether or not they should include the library in Round 6. Vineyard Power has earmarked \$450,000 for West Tisbury resilience projects. The library site is constrained and the possible locations for a large battery will need to be determined and agreed upon.

9. The CVEC Board meeting is on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Nicola has taken over from Erik Peckar as the West Tisbury board member at CLC. Kate said that members who are representing the Energy Committee on other boards or committees need to systematically report back, and that time for that should put into the agenda for the next meeting. Kate also reminded everyone to get sworn in and to do the ethics test. Kathy reminded the committee that if they need to meet with the Capital Improvements Committee, sooner is better than later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Next meeting June 14, 8:30 AM