

**Minutes**  
**West Tisbury Energy Committee**  
12 April 2023 8:30 AM, Via Zoom

**Present:** John Christensen, Michael Gately, Sue Hruby, Kate Warner, Nicola Blake, Ron Dagostino

**Absent:** Richard Andre

**Also present:** Amelia Smith (assistant)

Minutes approved 10 May 2023

1. The minutes of 8 March 2023 were approved unanimously.
2. **Discussion of energy committee purview and structure:**  
John drafted a charge and mission statement for the Energy Committee. Kate Warner said to include other things that the Energy Committee has done and charged Amelia with taking information from the committee's page on the town website and the town report, to include in a shared document, including the Energy Committee's concern with both mitigation and resilience. John wants to use active language that will be applicable over a longer time span.
3. **Appointments made:**  
Kate is now on the facilities Committee and Richard Andre is now on the Capital Improvements committee. Kate has already been to one facilities meeting about the Howes House and the Library. The Facilities Committee is also working with EnergyLogik on the Howes House and Public Safety Building.
4. **School update:**  
The school will not be going ahead with the space needs study now, or with the product of the energy analysis study. Some improvements to the HVAC system will be done, using funds already in the school budget. The high school project and its costs are taking precedence.
5. **Green Communities Grant:**  
There are plans to apply for funding from Green Communities for the Library HVAC system this fall, because the bids won't be ready in time for the spring deadline. Sue suggested looking at what we might apply for from Green Communities after that.
6. **Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant ideas:**  
The Department of Energy Resources block grants have an April 28 deadline for the pre-award information sheet. Sue and John will work to get this submitted before that deadline. The full application is due on July 31<sup>st</sup>. This might be used to plan work on the Public Safety Building, including exhaust recovery and other work. *Turns out now is not the time to apply for this.*

7. Everyone thanked Kate for organizing **Ferries Now** and there was a brief discussion of the event.

Meeting closed at 9:10 AM

**Next Meeting: May 10, 2023, 8:30 AM via Zoom**