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Minutes for April 4, 2023 Yarmouth Energy Committee

Present: Joyce Flynn, Sandra Cashen, Robert Palmeri,
Barry Margolin

Absent: Mike Duffy, Camilla Flannery, Regina Wood

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

The February 7, 2023 minutes were passed unanimously as amended.

The March 7, 2023 minutes were passed unanimously as presented.

With the absence of Town Engineer Amanda Lima there was no CVEC update. The Chair reported that a CVEC staffer had sent an e-mail requesting time to give the Committee an update on its current activities. It was suggested that our May mtg would be a goodtime and CVEC will be so informed.

Regarding the Compact, the Chair reported its next board mtg would be Wed. April 10th but that the Board and some staff would be holding an informal retreat on the 5th to discuss strategies and tactics for dealing with the newly-inaugurated Healy Administration and changes at DPU. She gave the example of the recently-announced but greatly reduced program to help low-income families to install new ASHP's in their homes.

The Chair and informal Solarize Yarmouth Committee chair reported that things were moving ahead slowly but unevenly since the Feb 22nd creditors meeting with a different tone emerging.

Barry Margolin gave an excellent [presentation](#) on the new state approved Specialized Stretch Code which Mass. Municipalities can adopt as their new construction building code to help them continue the move to a zero-carbon building sector. (see attached Power Point presentation and new code.) He then asked the other committee members present if and how the Committee might play a role in getting it approved in Yarmouth. There was unanimous agreement that we should play a role and various ideas were batted about as to how. It was agreed that discussion will continue at the May meeting with the eventual goal of developing an activity plan.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2023 @4:30pm