

Minutes for April 6, 2021 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)
ZOOM REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Bob Palmeri,
Sandra Cashen, Mike Duffy, Barry Margolin
TOWN STAFF: Tara Monroe, Assistant Assessor
Amanda Lima, Town Engineer
PUBLIC: Gordon Starr, Barnstable Councilman
Tom Baron, Planning Board

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:33.

Motion to approve remote meeting was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve February and March minutes unanimously approved.

Steve Gavin: Meeting began with a moment of silence for Steve Gavin who passed away on April 2nd. He was a valued member of the Energy Committee and a member of CVEC as well as a fine engineer. He will be greatly missed.

TOWN ENERGY PROGRESS: Amanda Lima, Town Engineer

Amanda provided an update on the CVEC project located at 47/50 Workshop Road, the Septage Facility aka Parcel E. This project is an agreement between the Town and CVEC. DSD is the selected vendor to perform the construction of PV panels. DSD hired Tetra Tech to complete the engineering design and they presented this week at Site Plan Review for feedback from the town's department. DSD is estimating to obtain the Eversource Interconnect by this summer.

Amanda also provided a brief update on the charging units. She is in the process of evaluating WiFi vs cell modem connections to activate the units.

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: No update

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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT-CLC: Joyce Flynn reported that Yarmouth will participate in the Main Street Program for commercial property on April 13th through April 15th. This will be a distribution of information for business owners on Route 6A in Yarmouthport, Old Main Street in South Yarmouth, Route 28 in West Yarmouth about free energy audits and efficiency programs. The Compact meeting has been moved to April 21st at 2:00PM to 4:30 due to a state meeting for project administrators.

TOWN MEETING:

Tom Baron submitted an article for the town warrant to require a study of the feasibility of converting the links course to a solar farm. He did a Power Point presentation for the committee. This presentation will be shown at the town meeting.

YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN: no update

SOLARIZE PLUS YARMOUTH: Report provided by Mile Duffy

After obtaining and reviewing three Solar PV proposals and two Air-Source-Heat-Pump proposals, the Solarize Plus Yarmouth volunteer Team together with the support of Cadmus technical staff selected Solar Wolf Energy as the PV Installer and South Shore Climate Control as the ASHP Installer.

Founded in 2015, **Solar Wolf Energy** was recognized by Inc. Magazine in 2020 as the second fastest growing company in Massachusetts. Solar Wolf is offering the Sunpower 335 PV module fully installed at an extremely attractive price of \$2.43/watt. Their marketing team consists of a graphic designer, videographer and copywriter. They can collaborate with the municipality and volunteer team to create custom video, graphic, and written content to target Yarmouth residents and educate them on the Solarize Plus Yarmouth program.

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SOLARIZE PLUS YARMOUTH CONT:

They even suggest that some think they are a media company that happens to do solar. In short, they have a great outreach and education capability which will make the generation of leads a lot easier for the Yarmouth volunteers.

Founded in 2014, **South Shore Climate Control** is a local Sandwich company. They have been installing an average of 40 – 50 ASHPs per year on the Cape and Islands. South Shore offers two of the best heat pumps available today – Mitsubishi and Fujitsu. The only downside with South Shore is that they are fully booked through June, but they have agreed to prioritize Yarmouth customers beginning July 1. I will be providing the BOS with an update on the current status of our Program during the Public Comment portion of tonight's meeting. The entire Volunteer Team will be meeting with both Installers and the CEC staff on Wednesday to exchange pleasantries and plan out the next steps. On Thursday, Mike will review the contents of the Solarize Warrant Article for the Yarmouth Finance Committee. On April 23rd, Mike will make a presentation to the Rotary Club on our Program.

CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE: Barry Margolin informed the committee that the climate action networks around the Cape, several of the energy committees around the cape, and a core group of leaders from the climate change collaborative have been in a conversation with Maggie Downey and Cape Light Compact, about a way to extend the Solarize idea to the rest of the cape. The Compact is considering taking this project to provide program management funding for a marketing campaign staff time. The next step is going to be to take this and try to get each of the Select boards and Barnstable Council for the compact to go forward. This would be for 2022 to allow time due to the pandemic and the various communities to review it, as well as to give the Compact time as it is working on their planning for the next three years. There have also been recent thoughts to find developers who would offer to put solar on business roofs and parking lots, and pay them for the use of space which now has no revenue stream, so that it would be good to produce a lot more renewable energy.

Next meeting: May 4, 2021 4:30 PM as a ZOOM meeting. Adjourn at 5:54