

Draft Minutes for May 2, 2023 Yarmouth Energy Committee

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

Absent: Mike Duffy, Camilla Flannery, Regina Wood

Staff: Amanda Lima, Town Engineer

Member of Public: Josh Uhalt

The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm

The April 4, 2023 minutes were passed unanimously as presented.

Town Engineer Amanda Lima reported that the delays in installing the Sr. Ctr. Solar array and that of wall reshingling where the system will have some hardware are being coordinated and it should be done by September. She also reported the failed blinking traffic signal at Highbank and Great Western has been replaced by a solar-powered signal and another one on Higgins-Crowell Rd is going out for bid.

Regarding the Compact, the Chair reported its next board mtg would be Wed. May 10th. She also noted the DPU's report on its activities had been received.

The Chair, who is also informal Solarize Yarmouth Committee chair, reported that the Mass CEC and Sunpower, whose panels were to be used in the proposed installations had been reached to complete all projects for which down payments had been made. Discussion followed on specific situations and Josh Uhalt, at the request of the Chair, reported on his non-Solarize situation w/ Solar Wolf.

Re Town meeting results, the Chair talked about the potential effect of the approval to go ahead with Phase 1 of the Town's Waste Water Treatment and the two anti-plastic by-laws. Discussion ensued about various speakers' effect on the votes. DPW Director Jeff Colby's eloquent comments about the Phase 1 article were particularly noted.

Barry then noted that the MA Municipal Specialized Stretch Code was adopted at the Truro and Wellfleet Town Mtgs, (Ed.note: the only two Cape towns where it was being presented this spring) and that now was the time for the Cape Cod Climate Action Network to shift focus to key people in other towns and also suggested that he and Joyce should come up w/ a list for Yarmouth.

There was then discussion of need for new committee members. Joyce iterated the need for an engineer to replace the late Steve Gavin, our CVEC rep for many years, now that Mike Duffy was working fulltime again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

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