

Minutes for February 4, 2020 YARMOUTH ENERGY COMMITTEE (1)

PRESENT: Marilyn Holle, Joyce Flynn, Susan Starkey, Steve Gavin, Bob Palmeri
ABSENT: Steve Krintzman, Mike Duffy, Sandra Cashen
TOWN STAFF: Daniel Knapik, Town Administrator
PUBLIC: Barry Margolin

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to Order at 4:30.

Minutes for the January meeting were unanimously approved with minor revision.

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT - CLC: Joyce Flynn reported that a DPU meeting is still pending. This will provide more information regarding the allocation of expenses between the power supply and energy efficiency funds.

CAPE & VINEYARD COOPERATIVE – CVEC: Steve Gavin told the committee that Liz Argo, CVEC Manager, Programs & Administration is going to retire. She will stay in her position until a replacement can be found and she will help to train that person.

SOLARIZE PLUS GRANTS:

Clean Energy Center. Barry Margolin wants to move forward to obtain a letter from Dan Knapik on behalf of the Energy Committee asking Cape Cod 5 and the Coop Bank to consider participation in the Mass Solar Loan program. He stressed the lead time the banks would need to adopt a new product and then train employees to administer it.

TOWN UPDATE: Dan Knapik informed the committee that the town has been working with OpenCape Fiber Optic to provide service to the town property on 50 Workshop Road, the Station 3 fire station, and the new DPW building. He also mentioned that town meeting approval would be required for solar canopy stations but not for roof top solar. The town is going to lease new golf carts that are more fuel efficient. Then in three years electric golf carts will be leased. This will allow time for a treated wastewater process which will be product and not a waste material, with the potential to use it to irrigate the Bass River Golf Course and at vehicle washing stations at the DPW. Dan also informed the committee that Yarmouth has received a \$150,000 grant from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. These funds will be used toward the design and engineering phase for solar power and battery storage capability at Yarmouth Fire Station 3 and at the Town septage facility on Workshop Road, with the goal of providing power continuity at these critical facilities.

SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH: Bob Palmeri has been working with residents who have problems or issues with solar panel vendors. This will help to remove concerns for people considering solar. Vendors will have to be fully vetted.

Next meeting: March 3, 2020 4:30 PM Conference Room A. Adjourn at 6:50