Town Of Truro Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Committee Minutes

June 23, 2017

The Energy Committee held its meeting on June 23, 2017 in the Town Hall conference room. Chairman Brian Boyle called the meeting to order. Members present were Mark Farber and Bob Higgins-Steele. Also present was Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager, and Jarrod Cabral, Director, Department of Public Works.

Minutes were approved for the meetings on June 24, 2016 and August 31, 2016.

Solar Systems

The solar system that Truro will be purchasing net metering credits (NMCs) from began operation during the prior week. Mark and Jarrod will ensure that the billing is set up correctly and smoothly. The Committee will monitor NMCs for up to a year to see if Truro will have excess credits for resale.

Jarrod reported that the remediation work at the transfer station is complete, and the application for a Post-Closure Use Permit was submitted in April to the DEP.

Storage

Brian and Mark had recently talked with Convergent about their interest in constructing a storage project in Truro on Town-owned land. Rae Ann has confirmed that no major land parcel was available, but she will review whether any small land parcels might be suitable. Bob agreed to pursue several inquiries about the suitability and interest of privately-owned sites.

Solarize

Brian and Mark described two meetings of the Energy Committees of the Outer Cape towns of Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, and Orleans. The group has proposed a collaborative proposal to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for its Solarize program.

After discussion, the group agreed to participate in the program proposal. Jarrod agreed to be the staff liaison, and all three Committee members agreed to be solar coaches. Rae Ann will put the item on agenda for the July 25 Board of Selectmen meeting. Mark will prepare a program description for the meeting.

Submitted by Mark Farber

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