

Energy Committee Minutes August 8, 2022

Present: Brian Boyle, Bob Higgin-Steele, Mark Farber (remotely) Lindsey Wilson, David Spencer
SB Liaison Bob Weinstein present

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Minutes of last meeting accepted

Whole Government approach Both the Climate Action Committee and EC have approved the whole government approach document .Dropbox links below:

SB version:

https://www.dropbox.com/home/TruroEnergyCommittee/Climate%20Action%20Committee?preview=220608+Whole+Government+approach+4_27_22+%28CAC%29.docx

LCPC version:

https://www.dropbox.com/home/TruroEnergyCommittee/Climate%20Action%20Committee?preview=Whole+Government+approach+5_26_22++LCP_SB+approved.docx

Either the EC or CAC will present this to the SB (no date or plan for this yet)? TM has stated that he will meet with department heads in late August to discuss implementing a Town government wide WGA.

Green Communities 2.0 What is the funding from the state?

The Town needs more hard information to make the goals achievable. Lindsey summarizes the program. Lindsey will distribute the slide deck for GC 2.0. (She sent the link to the programs' slides during meeting: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/climate-leaders-program-framework/download>)

Full webinar video with slides: <https://vimeo.com/731070545>

Brian (Chair) suggests we look at details and break the program down to a project mode. **Committee members will review the Climate Leaders info to discuss the program in our September meeting.**

Public transportation and school buses. SB member Weinstein describes the CCRTA.

SB liaison suggests that the EC contact the school superintendent about electrifying school buses at some point.

Municipal vehicle inventory The DPW director is working on it. The inventory can be used to create an electrification plan for all municipal vehicles.

Public safety Facility Key question: How did Weston and Samson determine the equipment needed? Can we get more information? Bob will stop in DPW office before next meeting.

Stretch Code comments EC will present to the SB 8/9/2022. A stricter Stretch Code will help Truro satisfy its article 53 commitments.

Builder Outreach EC needs to inform the building community of the advantages and cost effectiveness of a stronger stretch code once it is finalized. Educating and informing the building community will help drive residents toward energy efficiency and emissions reductions.

The Committee will set up a time line for builder community Stretch Code outreach during our September meeting. The timeline will layout our actions for November and December. Separately, we may need to develop an opt-in code warrant article for the 2023 ATM.

NMC, Solar RFP No update on the Town's Solar NMC or RFP. The best path forward on both of these is through Jarrod our DPW director. Bob will ask Jarrod to remind Barbara to finish an RFP so Jarrod and she can issue it. Jarrod will advise the Town Manager to call Town Counsel and have Town Counsel speak with Mark.

It would be a good time have another Solarize program. Bob or Brian to Check with Dick Elkin about Wellfleet's plan. A Solarize program is a lot of work, but worth it to the Truro residents.

Mark reminded us that the Town should move on the Solar RFP as the SMART incentives decrease monthly

Adjourned 5:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted Bob Higgins-Steele