

Truro Energy Committee 9/12/2022

Present: Brian Boyle, Chair, Members: Bob Higgins-Steele, David Spencer, Lindsey Wilson

Discussion with Town Staff: DPW director Jarrod Cabral reports on next year's EV Charging stations and Municipal EV procurement

Charging locations: COA, Beach office, potentially one at the Cobb library parking lot

Vehicle Procurement: 2 Cruisers either Hybrid or EVs. EV for the beach department

Major repairs: PSF - Door replacement, **Elementary School-** Engineering for HVAC, Flat roof over gym is failing

Member Comment: This is a good time to add more roof insulation.

Member Question: When Weston and Sampson did the modeling for the mechanical replacement at PSF was the modeling based on 1-1/2" rigid insulation on the exterior? previously drawn in W&S drawings

Could EC see W&S any proposal/modeling docs that we have not seen?

Walsh Property: The costs of renovation to the Walsh Buildings being moved are not based on Stretch Code Energy Efficiency requirements.

Lindsey question: Will CLC audit these buildings to see what incentives there are for EE and electrification? Jarrod will check into this.

SB Liaison Bob Weinstein: Updated the committee of the status of Cape Cod Regional transit authority Electric Bus replacement

SB Liaison supports EC getting on a SB agenda to to recommend WGA to SB.

Liaison says Chair Boyle can contact Kelly directly. Committee /SB engagement helps inform citizens.

SB Liaison supports the Town adopting the Specialized Opt-in code. Adoption may lead to financial benefits, incentives, etc. to the Town. Liaison also appreciates David's knowledge and work on potential tax implications for Truro in the IRA.

SB Liaison wants the EC to discuss items with the SB that are important to the committee.

Brian suggests that it might take series of meetings over the next few months w/ SB to accomplish this. Liaison concurs. Liaison leaves meeting.

Bob H-S will send CAC goals to EC members for review.

Building codes: are not likely to get less stringent than the final code language released in June.

EC is better equipped than CAC to inform and educate the Town and citizens about the potential code changes.

EC could start defining an outline of a curriculum to inform and educate ciizens on the stretch and opt-in codes.

Lindsey: Green Communities can hook up Committee or Town w/ DOER experts for local or regional presentations or education concerning the codes.

Comment period for building codes is over.

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CAC/ Large Projects: The SB has asked the CAC to be involved in the energy side of the proposed DPW building.

The EC and (inactive-no members) building committees are charged advising the town vis-a-vis municipal projects. The Committee agrees that it is important that the EC is involved in DPW and other Municipal building planning.

David reviews the IRA's Investment tax credits for geothermal systems in Town buildings. Is it time for a deep dive into geothermal? Lindsey suggests we have someone investigate issues w/ geothermal that might be unique to Cape Cod before we proceed too far.

H-S will ask building department for the number of Geothermal installations to glean knowledge from the contractors.

The Walsh property chair suggested in spring 2022 that EC submit letter outlining EC's suggestions, recommendation etc. for the Walsh Property committee. It's fall.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted Bob Higgins-Steele

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