

**Town Of Truro
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Energy Committee Minutes**

May 22, 2023

The Energy Committee held a meeting on May 22, 2023, convened via GoToMeeting at 4:30p. Attending were Brian Boyle (Chair), Mark Farber, Bob Higgins-Steele, and David Spencer, being a quorum of the Committee. Jarrod Cabral, Director of Public Works, also attended.

Town Update. Jarrod provided an update on the fuel use and charging station databases. The Committee will soon get access to the fuel use database and training, while the charging station database is not quite ready. He also provided an update about potential funding from Eversource for charging stations. The Committee discussed the process and schedule for the EV First policy submittal to the Select Board. Jarrod also described the scope of Public Safety Building project, which is mostly improvements in the building envelope. David raised the possibility of using IRA energy efficiency incentives (Section 179D) for this, and perhaps other, efficiency projects.

Net Metering Credits. Jarrod informed the Committee that the Select Board has approved the NMC contract with Brewster, and the Town is awaiting approval by the Brewster Select Board. Mark again asked to review the proposed contract, since the last version the Committee has seen had flaws that would create operational problems.

Minutes. Minutes of the March 13 and April 24, 2023 meetings were approved unanimously.

LCP. The Committee has prepared edits to the draft Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) Vision Statement. We will submit those comments and again request an editable, current version of the LCP Goals/Objectives, since we only have an uneditable version of the 1/18/23 document.

Lindsey Wilson joined the meeting.

WGA. The Committee discussed next steps regarding the Whole Government Approach, including Select Board goals and objectives, LCP, and the Town Charter. Lindsey noted that there was some feedback the Committee would provide the CAC on their draft WGA.

Cape Light Compact. CLC continues to prepare for their next three-year plan. Bob urges anyone in the Committee to propose program ideas.

CVEC and Solar Options. Mark and David provided an update of recent discussions with CVEC on their solar procurement. We're waiting for CVEC's proposed language for our participation in their joint procurement.



Outer Cape Committees. Truro and Wellfleet seem to be in the lead in educating the trades and public regarding the new code. The next meeting will be in June including a discussion with Eversource.

Climate Leaders Program. Lindsey offered to check with the state to see if there's an updated draft of the program spec.

Specialized Energy Code. The Committee discussed next steps for education of the trades in collaboration with Wellfleet. Lindsey will contact a couple groups to see what others are doing.

EV First. Brian will work with Jarrod to put the EV First policy on the Select Board agenda.

Solarize. Brian has been hearing several examples of Solarize customers having customer service issues. We discussed how the Solarize towns' energy committees might help aggregate maintenance work.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023 at 4:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

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