Town Of Truro Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Committee Minutes

August 26, 2020

The Energy Committee held a meeting on August 26, 2020, convened by Nicole Tudor at 8:30a via GoToMeeting. Attending were Brian Boyle (Chair), Mark Farber, Bob Higgins-Steele, Nancy Medoff, and James Nash, being a quorum of the Committee.

Minutes were approved of the meetings of July 9 and July 24, 2020.

Cape Light Compact. There was no update regarding Cape Light Compact.

Net Metering Credits. Mark recounted the history of the Town's solar net metering credits. The Committee discussed a process for executing the sale of excess credits, both past credits and ongoing new credits. Mark agreed to contact Maggie Downey at Cape Light Compact to solicit advice and concerns about the process.

Net Zero Defined. Nancy and Brian have been developing a simple presentation to define Net Zero for a lay audience. The first audience is the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), but it also will hopefully be used for educating developers and citizens. The Committee discussed the process for completing the presentation for submittal to the ZBA for their Cloverleaf Project deliberations.

Cloverleaf Project. Bob described recent research related to Passive House construction. The Committee discussed the most recent drawing package for the project, including design modifications that seem to better accommodate solar. Jim will reengage with the developer on the energy designs of the project.

Building Codes. The Committee agreed to monitor developments relating to the new stretch energy code, which is under development. Bob will continue to monitor this issue.

No members of the public raised other issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.

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