

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

**July 17, 2023**

The Energy Committee held a meeting on July 17, 2023, convened via GoToMeeting at 4:30p. Attending were Brian Boyle (Chair), Mark Farber, Bob Higgins-Steele, David Spencer, and Lindsey Wilson, being all of the Committee. Also attending were Anthony Garrett (presenter) and several members of the public.

**Town Update.** Bob provided comments from Jarrod Cabral, DPW Director, who was unable to attend the meeting. Jarrod submitted a change order for the Public Safety Facility for, among other things, higher window efficiency. There was brief discussion on the re-formation of the Building Committee. Jarrod requested an update about CVEC, but Mark reported that there are no new developments.

**DPW Study Group.** Tony Garrett, of the DPW Study Group, a volunteer group, presented their study of the DPW project and requested input from the Energy Committee. The key design features include use of some existing facilities and a campus approach to allow for targeted designs and staged construction. Solar panels would be on three of the four buildings, approximately 179kW. Tony noted a number of green strategies. The Committee will review it more carefully and provide feedback.

**Minutes.** Minutes of May 22, as amended, and June 21, 2023 were unanimously approved.

**Local Comprehensive Plan.** Bob noted that the fall Town Meeting is expected to vote on the LCP. Bob suggests that the Whole Government Approach could be enforced by including it in the LCP. The Committee unanimously approved submitting to the LCP the Proposal for a Whole Government Approach, as modified to suit that audience.

**CAC.** Bob reported that Passive House and a discussion with Eversource will be topics for two upcoming public meetings.

**Building Codes.** The Committee discussed ways to promote information and training for the building community. Lindsey will investigate resources.

**Solar.** The status of the town's solar plans was briefly discussed.

**Microgrid.** Bob proposed submitting to the Select Board one of the two microgrid documents to request approval and co-funding in support of a proposal. The Committee unanimously approved submitting the first document in the meeting packet to the SB.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 4:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.



Mark A Farber

