

# Oak Bluffs Climate and Energy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022

Attendance: Bill Cleary, Marilyn Miller, Richard Toole, Dion Alley, Craig Saunders, Peter Meleney

Absent: Simon Shapiro

## **Topic 1: Call meeting to order**

Bill called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

## **Topic 2: Approve C&E meeting minutes for March 7 & April 4, 2022**

Marilyn suggested some changes to the minutes for both dates and, after adopting those changes, the committee voted to approve them.

## **Topic 3: Climate Action Week May 8-14**

Bill reviewed some of the events of the week and urged all of the committee members to attend the final day at the Ag Hall. In connection with this week, Bill mentioned that the number of energy audits in OB are low. Dion mentioned that there has been a problem of RISE Engineering “no show” and a lack of follow-up by them. Marilyn said that she had had several audits over a number of years without a problem. Dion said that it is his understanding that CLC will concentrate on having more audits on MV in the future.

## **Topic 4: Green Communities**

Bill reported that he believes all the necessary information for the designation is now in state hands so all we can do is work on being ready to act when the designation and the money comes. In that regard, he said that he thinks that all the new Town vehicles, excluding pickups and larger, are hybrids. Dion brought up the fact that Governor Baker had issued Executive Order 594 on April 22, 2021 that requires hybrid or electric vehicles by 2024. He will send out a link to this order. Dion said he thought we should check on what is happening with switching to electric school buses and charging stations for them. Bill said that Kate Warner is working on this.

## **Topic 5: Committee member updates**

Marilyn reported that her meeting of the Vineyard Power advisory committee had been postponed and that a new date had not been set. She added that the Vineyard Power job fair was well attended.

Dion reported that CLC is going to appeal the DPU decision about getting CLC out of the solar business. On CVEC, He said the discussion was on the longer term strategy for it and did it still make sense for the Town of Oak Bluffs to be a part of it , given all the issues that came up with the Elementary School installation.

Richard said he didn't have anything to report, but that he would try to find out what the situation is about solar at the OB landfill.

Bill brought up the Eversource meeting scheduled for May 3, 2022 at the VFW and asked some of us to attend, because he had another commitment. He also brought up the fact that Vineyard Power, through a two-year Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship award, is creating the position of Energy Transition Coordinator to develop and implement an energy transition program. Dion commented that this is a needed position and Peter added that he thought this would help us coordinate what we are doing with other MV towns so that we aren't working by ourselves.

Bill then brought up the subject of OB School boiler and where the replacement of it stands. Richard suggested talking with Mark Rosenbaum who would be a good guide on moving forward. Dion said that he was willing to help. He added that there is a need for a new way of working together for a more centralized approach to both projects and funding.

**Topic 6: Next Meeting – Monday, 6/6/22 at 3:30 pm via Zoom**

So moved and adopted.

**Topic 7: Motion to Adjourn**

So moved and adopted at 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter L. Meleney