

## **Oak Bluffs Climate and Energy Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Friday, August 20, 2021

Via Zoom

Attendance: Richard Toole, Bill Cleary, Marilyn Miller, Craig Saunders, Simon Shapiro, Peter Meleney

Absent: Gino Mazzaferro

Guest: Dion Alley

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm and welcomed Dion Alley, a prospective C & E Committee member.

#### **Topic 2: Approve minutes of July 30, 2021 meeting**

The minutes of the July 30, 2021 were approved as submitted.

#### **Topic 3: Green Communities (project list #1)**

Bill reported that he is still working on getting clarifying information from the town attorney before submission to the state.

#### **Topic 4: Follow up with Town Staff and Select Board, schedule presentations**

The committee discussed the three outstanding issues that need to be addressed and the timing and number of meetings with the Select Board that are needed to handle them. They are:

- Project List #4 Transforming the Island's Energy System presentation to the Select Board
- Project List #2 100% Renewable for fall Town Meeting
- Energy Committee name and charge

It was decided that there would be separate meetings on all three. Bill will try to coordinate with Town staff about the timing of each meeting topic. Richard will reach out to Alan Strahler about giving the PowerPoint presentation to the Select Board on the first issue.

The committee also discussed Richard's desire to get relieved of his being the rep to the CLC and CVEC regional boards. Dion said that he is willing to serve and so he will put in his application at the same time that Richard puts in his resignation.

**Topic 5: REPA/Regional Planning Assistance (project list #7) – Net-Zero planning for OB**

Marilyn met with Liz Durkee to evaluate the REPA application and identify any OB or MVC defined energy projects. It turned out that all of the projects are climate related so we need to rely on our GC application ERP (Energy Reduction Plan) goals and ECM's (Energy Conservation Measures).

She did clarify with Liz that only one member of our committee needs to serve on the MVC 5-Year Energy Plan subcommittee. Bill will be that rep with Richard as an alternate.

As for the REPA MOU with MVC, Bill said he thought that would be dealt with when we actually get the grant money. Bill also said that he hasn't had time to review the MAPC Playbook yet.

**Topic 6: Inventory/List of 13 goals, projects, tasks as of 6/17/21**

Marilyn noted that our active projects are #1 Green Communities Designation, #7 Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA) and #6 CVEC Round 6 for solar on the police station and the new town hall. Now she thinks we need to concentrate on #2 100% Renewable for fall Town Meeting and #4 Transforming the Island's Energy System presentation to the Select Board. Both of these items were addressed in Topic 4 above. As for #5 ERP (Energy Reduction Plan) list of ECMs (Energy Conservation Measures), Marilyn said she would try to update the list for future discussion. She will try to meet with Craig and Bill on the ECMs.

Peter asked about the status of the solar system on the elementary school roof and the landfill site (CVEC Round 4). Richard said he would check on them.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10 at 3 pm

The committee voted to adjourn at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Peter I. Meleney