

## Oak Bluffs Climate and Energy Advisory Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Friday, September 10, 2021

Via Zoom

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

Absent: Craig Saunders, Gino Mazzaferro

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

#### **Topic 2: Approve minutes of August 20, 2021 meeting**

The minutes of the August 20, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Topic 3: Green Communities (Project List #1)**

Bill reported that the process is 97.8% complete. He is meeting with the school superintendent and the OB School Committee on 9/21/21 to make a presentation and get him to sign off on the Energy Reduction Plan and the vehicle policy as they relate to the Elementary School.

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

Richard spoke about the MVC Climate Action Plan (CAP) that will be presented by Liz Durkee and Meghan Gombos to the OB Select Board on Tuesday, 9/14/21. There will be a need for a representative from this committee for the Steering Committee as well as the Energy Transformation Working Group. Bill volunteered to be the Steering Committee rep., but he needs to be appointed to our committee first. It was decided that Richard would call Gino about resigning and that Bill would take his place. The committee did not decide on who would be the rep. to the Energy Transformation Working Group.

As for the rep. to CLC and CVEC regional boards, Richard reported that he will be resigning and that Dion Alley will be taking his place.

Bill reported that he, Richard and Marilyn will be meeting with Wendy Brough on 9/14. The topics of conversation will include:

- Website

- Climate/Energy Committee duties
- Reviving the Coastal Infrastructure Committee with Bill as the liaison person
- 100% Renewable article for Town Meeting on 11/9/21. The deadline is 10/1/21.
- Getting the ICAN Energy Survey on our home page (???)
- How the money from the Green Communities Designation should be handled and the next steps for the Energy Reduction Plan (ERP).

As for the PPT presentation on Transforming the Island's Energy System, Si will talk to Alan Strahler about scheduling a date for Alan to make a presentation to the OB Select Board. Hopefully, that will take place before the Town Meeting.

On the 100% Renewable warrant article, Richard will work with Si on getting the article on the warrant and Bill will make a presentation about it at the Town Meeting

#### **Topic 5: Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA) (Project List #7), Net-Zero planning for OB**

Marilyn noted that CLC reported on 9/1/21 that none of towns they work with were funded for Net-Zero planning. They did get \$2,917.50 for work on the GC Designation and \$1,500 for the GC application for OB.

On the MAPC Playbook, Bill said that he had taken a look at it and found it quite generic. He will do some follow-up work on it.

#### **Topic 6: CVEC Round 4**

Richard addressed the concerns of several committee members about the pace of the installation work of the solar panels on the roof of the Elementary School. He thinks that the town administrator, Deborah Potter and the school principal, Megan Farrell, are following the progress closely and have it well under control. (The question remains of how future projects will be handled administratively. Will this be a C&E Committee responsibility or someone in Town Government?)

Richard will check on the status of the solar project at the OB landfill to find out if we need to put more pressure on Eversource.

#### **Topic 7: Inventory/List of Goals, Projects, Tasks as of 6/17/21**

#5 ERP & list of ECMs Marilyn reported that most of the RISE lighting projects are done. The library is the largest of the few remaining installations still pending. She and Bill are going to review the other items on the list with Wendy. The highway garage project is ready to go. (There is some question about how projects move forward. Who is in charge of the individual projects? The department heads?)

#11 "Climate Week" Marilyn reported that this had been postponed until 2022.

#15 Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) \$15K Grant Application due by 9/24/21. Bill will check on this.

### **Topic 8 VSEC (Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee) Meetings**

Richard said that he would report back to this committee on future meeting of VSEC. At the present time, the members are trying to get each town to come up with a list of projects that could be funded from the money distributed from the Wind Farm project. They are looking at projects that have a regional scope.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

The committee voted to adjourn at 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Peter L. Meleney