

Oak Bluffs Climate and Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 8, 2021

Via Zoom

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

Absent: Richard Toole, Craig Saunders, Dion Alley, Garrett Albiston, Conservation Agent & Ex Officio member

Ex Officio: Emma Green-Beach, Select Board Member

Guests: Alan Strahler, Edgartown Energy Committee & MVC Climate Action Task Force, Energy Working Group, Kristi Strahler

Topic 1: Call meeting to order

Marilyn called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm

Topic 2: Approve minutes of September 24, 2021 C&E meeting.

The minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Topic 3: 100% Renewable presentation to October 26 Select Board

Alan showed his latest PowerPoint presentation that he will give to the Select Board on 10/26 and there were some minor changes suggested by committee members. Alan will make those changes and send the final presentation to Marilyn for distribution to the Select Board and committee members.

Topic 4: 100% Renewable Warrant Article for Nov. 9 OB STM

The committee next discussed notifying voters about the presentation to the Select Board and voting for Warrant Article at the Special Town Meeting on November 9th if the Select Board approves its inclusion when they meet on 10/12/21. It was decided that Peter would send out a notice to the Oak Bluffs ICAN membership list and that other committee members would alert their friends. Marilyn will try to get the presentation on the town website and Emma suggested that someone contact the papers about one of their reporters writing a newspaper article. Bill said that he would contact the Select Board Chair for his permission for us to publicize Alan's presentation to the Select Board so that voters can attend via Zoom.

Topic 5: Select Board, Tues Oct 12, 4:30pm Via Zoom – finalize, approve Nov 9 Warrant

See notes in Topic 4 above.

Topic 6: Updates

a. Green Communities status, OB School Committee, etc.

Bill reported that the School Committee was not familiar with the issue and wanted to postpone voting until the next meeting.

b. CVEC, CLC September Meetings

Neither Richard nor Dion was available to report.

c. Climate & Energy Committee webpage

Marilyn said to go to the town website and click on “committees”.

d. CAP/Town Thematic Working Group representatives

Bill reported that this was “a work in progress” and he needed more response from committee members.

e. Energy Questionnaire

Marilyn said to check with the Town webpage next week.

Topic 7: C&E Committee structure – discuss subcommittees: (1) Climate, (2) Energy

Bill suggested that it is too early to discuss this and that the committee wait to see what happens with the infrastructure committee. The committee members agreed.

Topic 8: Other updates, issues

There were none.

Topic 9: Next meeting

The committee decided to meet next time on Monday, Nov. 1st at 3:30 pm. Marilyn will send out a copy of the 2019 Community Resilience Building Workshop – “OB MVP workshop”.

The committee voted to adjourn at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter Meleney