

Oak Bluffs Climate and Energy Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, June 4, 2021 at 3 pm

**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

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

Absent: Gino Mazzaferro

Invited Guests: Wendy Brough, Margaret Song, Molly Pike

Topic 1: Call meeting to order

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

Topic 2: Approve minutes for May 7, 2021 meeting.

The minutes of the May 7, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Topic 3: Discuss Green Community (GC) designation next steps, deadlines, target dates to obtain State funding. Comments about vote and discussion at May 15 Town Meeting (passage of both “Stretch Code” and “As-of-Right” siting)

Bill thanked everyone for their help in promoting the two Town Meeting articles and outlined the next steps.

Topic 4: Discussion of Regional Energy Planning Assistance 2022-2023 Grant Opportunity.

Margaret Song, with CLC, walked us through the \$7500 GC Designation part of the grant opportunity and CLC’s role in obtaining it. We decided not to add the regional high school to the application. Margaret will draft a MOU outlining the role of CLC and the Town for the Town Administrator to sign. It was decided that Bill would be the contact person on the Advisory Committee as this grant application goes forward.

Topic 5: Status and options for getting committee page and info. On Town Website.

Wendy will have Travis send info. on the website to Marilyn next week.

Topic 6: GC as relates to Town infrastructure – how will we establish priorities for initial Designation grant funds? Review list of measures identified by RISE Engineering.

Due to the REPA discussion, we did not review the list of ECMs from RISE Engineering. We noted needing Wendy's and Richie's involvement in setting priorities and carrying out GC work. We also discussed whether hiring a planner or Energy Manager may be eligible for partial funding under GC or REPA/GC.

Craig had reached out to the Water Dept. to see if they were interested in participating in GC in the future and they indicated that they were. Margaret will arrange for a RISE Energy Audit. However, the Water Dept. will not be included *in* the initial ERP as part of our GC Application, with the possibility of incorporating them in the future.

Marilyn asked about the status of the No-cost and Low-cost ECMS, mainly lighting upgrade installations scheduled for May for a few buildings, including the Library. Margaret will check on the status and advise us.

The meeting shut down hastily at this point when hackers took over.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meleney