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As we discussed, I'd like to discuss the establishment of a formal energy committee for the town. Here's the background:

1. We *have* set up an all-Island committee consisting of the energy committee chairs for all 6 towns. (I'm considering myself the Chilmark rep, and I'm also the chair). This committee (VSEC) is intended to be a forum for communications and planning for all-Island activities, *not* for issues focused on any single town. (by the way, VSEC is working well.)
2. Town energy committees have accomplished some good things. In Chilmark, we missed the boat on the school HVAC upgrade, which is still languishing, and an energy committee could have provided advice and counsel. Similarly, we have the new firehouse coming along... Further, working on issues like the solar energy credits, the potential appetite for community solar, working to add electric charging stations at the library, etc. would be things that such a committee could take on.
3. Mike Jacobs (chairman of Vineyard Power, among other things) has volunteered to join the committee should the BoS approve it (and him). Mike has a house on the north shore that he now plans to occupy half the time, and is keen to get more involved with the town. Another Chilmark resident has expressed some interest as well. If the committee were established, putting out a notice for volunteers (to get to, say 4 members) would be appropriate.

If this item could be put on the agenda for October 9, that would be helpful, since Mike would like to show up and will be here then. Otherwise, any meeting after 9/18 would be fine.

Thanks,

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