

Minutes WEC Tuesday, December 7, 2010 4:00 PM Town Hall - Approved 2/15/11

Present: Dick Elkin, Bill Sullivan, Kathy Hubby, Paul Banner. Amy Voll and Nicole Price from The Cape Light Compact. Paul Sieloff and Marilyn Miller attended

Meeting called at 4:00 PM

The draft minutes of the 11/9/10 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

The committee discussed with Amy and Nicole the Conservation Program the WEC wants to proceed with to encourage the residents, non-resident owners and business owners concerning the Cape Light Compact's program of Energy Audits for free to promote saving energy.

Dick Elkin's discussed the possibility of a Wellfleet by-law change that would address the need for an energy audit before a obtaining a permit for improvements to a home or business and after purchasing a new home.

Paul Sieloff suggested that CLC provide a display for the Inspectors Office so contractors and home owners could learn about the free audits and incentives.

Amy will give her presentation to The BOS on 1/11/11. Paul S. will put her on the agenda. Also, she will make a presentation on 2/12/11 at the Wellfleet Forum meeting. Next summer a presentation will be scheduled for the Non-Resident Tax Payers meeting.

Dick Elkin will invite Paul Murphy, building inspector, to the next meeting of the WEC.

Paul S. will talk to the town IT person about preparing something for the Wellfleet Town website to attract people to the CLC link and the free audit and offers.

Amy suggested that they could provide a flyer to go home in each student's back pack. CLC has a program educating the school children on saving energy.

Paul S. brought up the Green Community Act. Mashpee is the first town on the Cape to be awarded the designation. If Wellfleet becomes designated, there could be grants available to the town.

There are five criteria to meet to become designated. Paul S. and Dick are meeting with Seth Hickerling on 12/14. The 5 benchmarks are:

1. Adopting local zoning by law or ordinance that allows "as-of-right-siting" of renewable energy projects.
2. Adopting an expedited permitting process related to the as-of-right facilities
3. Establishing a municipal energy use baseline and establishing a program designed to reduce use by 20% within 5 years.
4. Purchasing only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use, whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable
5. Requiring all new residential construction over 3,000 sq. feet and all new commercial and industrial real estate construction to reduce lifecycle energy costs "stretch code".

Bill S. asked why the fire station PV is not working well. The numbers are very low. Paul S. will follow up.

Paul S. asked the committee to take a look at what solar panels can be installed at the DPW, COA, Marina, Elementary School and Town Hall. There is money available that was not used in the installation of the fire station system.

Nicole will look into the programmable thermostats for Town Hall and report to Paul S.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Hubby