

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of April 15, 2013
Council On Aging Building
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chair Marcus Springer, Charles Cole, Richard Elkin, Lilli-Ann Green, Teresa Parker,

Excused Absence: Edmond Doyle

Chair Marcus Springer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A request to tape record the meeting by Lilli-Ann Green was made and the request was granted by the Chair Marcus Springer.

BUSINESS

Minutes of March 25, 2013 meeting:

Motion, moved to approve the draft minutes¹. Chair Marcus Springer seconded, and the motion carried, 4 in favor, 1 abstained (Elkin).

Energy Reduction Plan: Chair Marcus Springer explained that he has conducted research and has communicated with Truro and Provincetown regarding their plans. There is a 5 year plan to reduce energy by 20%. There are Green Community funds to help. There are initiatives that have taken place in Wellfleet that will help such as the recent work at the town library.

Energy Reduction Plan: Chair Marcus Springer shared the Town of Wellfleet Motor Vehicle and Trailer Inventory 2012² with the Wellfleet Energy Committee (WEC). The police and fire vehicles are exempt. The process is that the Board of Selectmen would adopt a resolution to agree to replace 50% of non-exempt town owned vehicles with hybrid vehicles by 2018. Marcus will work on this plan and a presentation to the town manager. He will bring the presentation to the WEC prior to meeting with the town manager.

Discussion of next steps regarding potential program to educate Wellfleet residents regarding roof top solar panel options and group purchasing options: Chair Marcus Springer spoke about the solar mapping project and the company that has mapped the rooftops of buildings in Cambridge. Marcus will reach out to the Mapdwell Company to schedule an overview presentation of their products and services. There was a discussion of tax credits. The cost of solar PV panels was discussed as well as US manufactured products as opposed to those manufactured in China. New materials for solar PV was also discussed. The payback period for solar panels was talked about. Richard Elkin spoke about the data that DOER maintains regarding how many solar homes there are in Wellfleet. He stated that he will email the link to this information to the WEC members. Geothermal options were also discussed. Teresa Parker stated that she would like to learn more about this option. Richard Elkin said that he would like to contact Chris Powicki to see if he may have an interest in meeting with the WEC since he has a great deal of knowledge about solar PV. Richard will bring the information about Chris to a subsequent WEC meeting to discuss further.

WEC website: Richard Elkin talked about the website that he has developed. He is willing to customize the website based upon feedback of WEC members. He can change the overall look, he can add blog pages and members can upload information to the site. Chair Marcus Springer asked if Richard Elkin would give us a lesson on the capabilities of the website and this could be scheduled for a future WEC meeting. Richard agreed to this.

Motion: Lilli-Ann Green moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Chair Marcus Springer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

¹ Draft Minutes of the 3-25-13 WEC

² Town of Wellfleet Motor Vehicle and Trailer Inventory 2012