

**Wellfleet Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2013
Council on Aging
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Chair Marcus Springer, Richard Elkin, Lilli-Ann Green, Charles Cole, Finance Committee Representative Thomas Reinhart

Excused Absence: Edmond Doyle, Teresa Parker

Guests: Howard Gostin

Secretary Lilli-Ann Green called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

A request to tape record the meeting by Lilli-Ann Green was made and the request was granted by the members of the Wellfleet Energy Committee (WEC) present.

BUSINESS

Minutes of April 15, May 14, May 21, June 27, 2013 meetings:

Motion, Richard Elkin moved to approve the draft minutes^{1,2,3,4}. Charles Cole seconded, and the motion carried, 3 in favor.

Review of Mapdwell project regarding solar mapping of Wellfleet: Chair Marcus Springer stated that the next round of funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) Solarize MA program is in September. Through his conversations with MassCEC he stated that his understanding is that if Wellfleet chooses to move forward with the Mapdwell solar mapping of Wellfleet rooftops, this could help our town to be accepted by MassCEC for the Solarize MA program. Lilli-Ann Green initiated follow up discussion regarding the MassCEC Solarize MA program and Wellfleet's needs. Following discussion with all members of the WEC present, the WEC decided that Wellfleet has unique circumstances and as per previous discussions about applying for the Solarize MA program, the town will be better served if we do not apply for the MassCEC program. Chair Marcus Springer stated that the uptake of rooftop solar panels in Cambridge was greatly increased after the town employed the Mapdwell solar mapping program. He also stated that regarding a timeline, it would take approximately five weeks to develop the solar map of Wellfleet rooftops by Mapdwell. The proposal from Mapdwell includes two years of web hosting for the solar rooftop mapping program. Charles Cole initiated a discussion about the benefits of a training session for how the Mapdwell software works, should Wellfleet move forward with this part of the project. Chair Marcus Springer said that there are outstanding issues regarding privacy that need to be resolved first and that he will continue his investigation into solar mapping

Discussion of project research regarding bulk purchasing of solar PV panels for Wellfleet home owners, business owners and potentially town buildings: Chair Marcus Springer began the conversation and brought up the issues regarding incentives for seasonal home and business owners. Charles Cole expressed that in his opinion there are many seasonal home owners that would be interested in moving forward with a plan to put solar panels on their rooftops if they receive solid information regarding the benefits of doing so. Richard Elkin stated that several of the solar vendors that have met with WEC said that seasonal home owners qualify for federal tax credits as well as other benefits such as lease arrangements. Richard Elkin began a discussion regarding cost and a tiered approach based upon quantity. Lilli-Ann Green stated that it is important for WEC to discuss our research with the Town Administrator and the BoS.

Green Communities Act (GCA) update: Chair Marcus Springer is working on updating the Wellfleet vehicle inventory list and developing a plan for Wellfleet to purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles. Chair Marcus Springer talked about presenting more information to WEC for review and approval and then meeting with the Finance Committee in the next 4-5 months. Chair Marcus Springer is working on establishing a Wellfleet energy use baseline and developing a plan for the town to reduce energy use by twenty percent within five years. He has met with Brian Boyle, Chair of the Energy Committee in Truro. He plans to use the energy use baseline and plan to reduce energy that Provincetown and Truro have developed as a template for Wellfleet. Chair Marcus Springer stated that there will be a new Massachusetts Stretch Code for building construction in November, 2013. He has met with two builders in Wellfleet (Eric Winslow and Manny Heiliger) to discuss adopting the Stretch Code as a general bylaw at the next town meeting in order to comply with the GCA criteria.

Motion: Lilli-Ann Green moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Chair Marcus Springer seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilli-Ann Green, Committee Secretary

¹ Draft Minutes of the 4-15-13 WEC

² Draft Minutes of the 5-14-13 WEC

³ Draft Minutes of the 5-21-13 WEC

⁴ Draft Minutes of the 6-27-13 WEC