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Energy and Climate Action Committee

Minutes May 12, 2022

NEXT MEETING WILL BE June 10th at (4:45pm?)

Present: Paul Cass, David Jacobsen, Susan Chandler, John Londa and Michael Hermann, Kevin Clements, Richard Kendall

Virtually present: Martin Culik

Call to Order: Susan Chandler called the meeting to order at 4:45m.

Announcements: Combating Climate Change, Climate Justice Committee -Wednesday, May 18th

Dick Elkin will be presenting

Our committee did not make its way into the Town annual report, so we note that now so that we can take appropriate actions to get into the annual report for next year.

Public Comment: Tess Cochran) Citizen Action Network called Eco Orleans as a sub-group of the Cape Cod climate change collaborative

Review of minutes: Approval of April's meeting minutes vote:

Paul motioned to approve these minutes 2nded by Susan. 5-0-1 (Rich absent)

We learned from John that in order to finish and get funding for the water department project, which funding green communities are now earmarked, we must get an inspection (DOER) before new monies can be applied for.

Cost proposal for charging stations from Voltrek:

Motion: Made by David moves that the selectboard to consider our cost estimate from Voltrek to install (and apply for appropriate funding) charging stations at Nauset Beach

John amends motion to be: We will send a recommendation to the select board through the Town administrator to add EV charging stations through Eversource programs at the parking area at Nauset Beach, Green Communities funding and any other funds eligible to the town for this purpose.

David accepted the motion as amended by John.

Vote: 6-1-0 in Favor

John explained what he found the electricity budget of our town to be and explained a few discrepancies like streetlights.

2 proposed solar projects from CVEC : DPW roof, Old composting site (both projected to produce about \$116,000 in energy credits)

Looking for an area of about 60,000 square ft. to mount solar as a strategy (car ports, Nauset Beach?)

Susan asked if the \$271,000 figure as a baseline for electricity consumption and John said this is a good start

David brought up the DPW roof bonding issue if it is still an impediment or not.

Susan brought up the need to create a community engagement document/strategy with John's data to show the general public that there is room for more solar development.

Rich brought up the need to further discuss this and work together to bring about a document about our strategy and share it with the public once we make it more easily understandable

Michael Hermann mentioned calling upon the Town of Brewster to share their carport figures, decisions and details about their experiences

John mentioned getting more feedback from other town departments about these details

Paul and Susan mentioned they would reach out to someone in Brewster to find out more about their carports

David brought up the underground mall development by Maplehurst builders and their challenges of putting solar there since the Old Kings Highway Committee may not allow it there. Maplehurst has asked us if we can do anything to advocate for their efforts.

We hope to reach out to Chris Desisto from Maplehurst and make a presentation about what we can do as a committee to help him. David will invite him.

We did not all have Martin's letter so we will have to move this agenda item to the next meeting.

Community outreach distribution plan and meet with other committees to find our common concerns/goals

Agenda items for next month: 2023 Annual Report committee description

Motion to Adjourn, made by Rich seconded by Susan

Vote to adjourn: 7-0-0.

Meeting ended at 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Kendall