Falmouth Energy Committee Minutes
March 13, 2019

Members Present: Meghan O’Reilly, Megan Amsler, Rosemary Carey,
Also present: Charles Radar, Grant Walker,

I. Minutes
- We DID NOT accept February minutes
- We accepted prior months minutes (August, November, January 2018)
- Rosemary will REVISE and send final minutes to: Meetings@FalmouthMA.gov

- Megan reported that the Planning Board voted to endorse Article 25 which adds “to facilitate solar energy” which would make sure there is a place for solar in new projects

II. April Town Meeting Planning

- Article 25 - Discussion that we will have to make strong support for Article 25; We voted to support it.
- Megan has written a letter of support for Article 25 in Falmouth Enterprise. (Megan read letter - no changes).

III. Powerpoint for Town Meeting Update from EComm — Meghan O’Reilly presented draft
- Megan Amsler spoke to student at high school who wants to create a petition to build more EV stations; Megan will ask her if she will work with E-Comm.
- History - Peg Noonan park and Town Hall were ideal spots for EVs. The VW settlement has been made; money is available for towns to make it possible.
- Megan has also encouraged Loud Fuel to install a charger and apply for VW funds.
- Rosemary suggested using Clipper Time at high school to educate about EVs; Megan suggested bringing in official. Rosemary will make contact with schools.
- We suggested changes to PPT - EV - include school outreach; climate resiliency.
- Add researching battery storage
- Add bills about energy - Charles questioned the Benson bill. What do folks oppose about it? Tax generates revenue & revenue distributed in complicated formula. Part of $ is returned to lower income communities. This may be an objection for some Falmouth voters. We discussed the disproportionate burden of cost of energy on low income people. All agreed we need to learn more about it.

III. Megan will send committee members the dates re: Annual report & other things

IV. Stretch Code strategy - discussed this again. We discussed the amount of time needed to Build Stretch Code & Green Communities (GC) for a benefit to the Town of up to $150,000 per year (as other towns have received) from GC. Is it worth it? We were split. Argument for: We are going to have to comply i 2-3 years, so not adopting is leaving $150,000 on the table. Those against: resistance is high from influencers (some in building community). Those for agreed that $150,000 is a lot of money -
worth pursuing. We agreed to continue to build consensus among TM members and do due diligence with building community before bringing the Article to TM.

VI. Suggestions - meet with HS immediately; hold open meeting “Clipper Time” as civics lesson & educational event with Asst. Superintendent and/or Superintendent

Advised: Look ad DeLeo Bill prior to next meeting (Megan A. had sent this)

Next meeting: March 27, 2019 8:00 am