Falmouth Energy Committee Minutes
03.27.19

Members Present: Megan Amsler, Meghan O’Reilly, Rosemary Carey, Alex Bocconcelli, Absent: Paul Raymer, Robert Boettger
Volunteers: Charles Rader, Grant Walker

Action items in Bold.

1. Discussed Minutes - There was a misunderstanding about the batch of minutes from previous meetings, recently submitted to Town Clerk. They were not approved. **Rosemary will resend the batch to the Committee, get approval, and re-submit to Clerk.**
2. Rosemary to revise March 8, 2018 meeting minutes per Meghan. Stretch code - we did not agree to revisit this in the Fall. Still discussing as a committee.

3. **Meghan O’Reilly & Rosemary Carey will deliver Energy Committee Presentation at April Town Meeting.**

4. We discussed exploring the Mass Power Forward program which calls for 100% Renewable Energy program. Megan Amsler received doc/request for participation from Town select board members. Committee supports but would like discussion with decision makers prior to making our presentation.

5. Stretch Code discussion - we again weighed the pros and cons of bringing Stretch Code to November Town Meeting. Not resolved.

6. Rosemary introduced a program promoting Electric Vehicles and infrastructure (with financial incentives), from CVEC. We need to quickly determine if Falmouth is interested in program (see attached). Questions for CVEC: 1) any other cars available? 2) what’s the range of the Leaf? 3) Are there other costs for subscription? Questions for town: 1) What vehicles need to be retired? How do we get school buses to go EV.Whoosh? How can we get this to convert to EV? **Rosemary will send the EV program proposal to Board of Selectmen and follow it.**

5. Civics in Education - Rosemary reported on the new program in the Falmouth School System where civics must be taught from K-12. The energy committee supports this and reached out to Asst. Superintendent to invite a student or group to work with us. Mr. Porto at Lawrence runs engineering program. & 7th grade teacher. Might be opportunity to work with them.

6. We discussed & agreed to endorse Article 25 at April’s Town Meeting (Dan Webb, petitioner) which would add renewable energy as a criteria for site plan review. It would not mandate the installation of solar, but require that a solar be considered in all building plans. **Meghan will add this to our Committee’s presentation.**
7. New business: Charles suggested we start working with scouts on renewable energy projects.

Next meeting: Wed. April 17 8:00 am