

Falmouth Energy Committee
07.14.20
Meeting Minutes FINAL

Present: Megan Amsler, Rosemary Carey, Matt Patrick
Guests: Charles Rader, Eleanor Ling, Jonathan Suso, Tom Bott

1. Town Manager Julian Suso joined us to answer questions related to Energy in town. We asked about the EDIC photovoltaic contract and status of the proceeds and RECS. Is the program reaching low income residents as intended. **Julian said he will connect with Jennifer Mullen, Finance Director.**

2. Climate energy policy outreach support. Community benefit agreement with offshore wind development, specifically Mayflower Wind.

Suso reported the Town has had initial discussions. Presentation was made at SB a couple months ago - they will get back to us with more detail. Should be a community benefit agreement. Energy Committee should be included in that discussion. We are looking for potential locations to come on shore, connect with Bourne substation.

If Mayflower Wind wants to make landing in Falmouth, what does Falmouth want for the community? Chris or Seth at Mayflower Wind are our contacts.

Matt expressed that Energy Committee has not had input on Town policies re: energy & transportation. Is there a way for us to be more involved?

Suso urged the E-Comm to engage in advocacy with Board of Selectmen - annual retreat (virtual) date to be set. An opportunity to make suggestions to Board & Chair. Energy Committee: **Send Julian suggestions and send letter to Select Board.** Also recommended regular engagement on Selectmen's agenda, one meeting a month with every committee for report and interaction. Document actions taken by this committee - send letter or email. This would be helpful. Send to Megan English Braga & cc: Julian.

3. Implementation of PACE.

We asked how can we best implement this.

Julian Suso: we went back to 2018, need to revisit. We reconnected with Finance Director, Jennifer Mullen, who was concerned that borrowing was part of the PACE plan. Assessment continues; we may be able to reenergize this process. Requires SB approval.

Tom Bott recommended giving a prompt about this so it gets attention. Megan asked about software compatibility for PACE - Julian not familiar with the issue; will look into it.

Suso reported the Town has procured two new electric vehicles and a charging station, located in lot behind town Hall. Peter McConnerty, public works director, got installed; helped choose location. Conservation and building departments will use for basic inspections. Jennifer Lincoln & Rod Palmer, familiar with the details.

Town Website - Suso reported the protocol is the same but staffing circumstances prohibit a staffer on each committee.
[Suso and Bott exited the meeting]

Megan offered to take minutes at next meeting. Rosemary will pull together agenda and submit to Town. Charles advised us to make sure that someone other than the Chair can do this.

Megan asked us to Think about Community Benefits. An “easy way” to achieve 100% municipal energy. Lot of opp to What’s beneficial for community & municipality.

Rosemary will write a letter to the Cape Cod Commission from the Energy Committee supporting the RPP Amendments.

Eleanor asked about Community Benefit Agreements from wind power. Where to get info? Town of Barnstable website. \$20 million committed to Barnstable. Megan will hold a conversation about this.

Next meeting: July 29, 2020