

TOWN of WAREHAM
Alternative Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair Judith Whiteside at 2:09 p.m. In attendance at Town Hall were members Sherry Quirk, Linda Burke, and Michael Pol, with members Thomas Bicki and Denise Wolk participating via Zoom. Mr. Bicki was sworn in at approximately 2:40 by the Town Clerk and did not participate in votes prior to that time. Also in attendance at Town Hall were Christopher Smith and Richard Sniger, candidates for associate memberships on the Committee, and Kwame Bartie, a candidate for a full membership, participated via Zoom. Member Donald Wilson joined the meeting in person at approximately 3 p.m. Ms Wolk left the meeting at approximately 3:15.

Chair Whiteside described the committee's charge as a "moving target" and said the Select Board expected the committee to work for at least one year.

After brief discussion, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Pol, Ms Quirk was elected Chair 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Pol, seconded by the Chair, Ms Burke was elected Clerk 4-0-0.

Ms Quirk reminded committee members that they are obligated to abstain from any vote where they had a conflict of interest and encouraged all members to complete a conflict disclosure form.

Members and candidates shared a brief overview of their background and experience.

Ms Quirk proposed that the Committee take on three topics, and group discussed each in turn:

1. Battery storage and its public safety implications
2. Development of an overall plan with the assistance of a consultant, using grant funding which committee members would help to identify and secure
3. Smaller solar installations, including rooftop and ground mounted, and how to assist homeowners with evaluating systems

The consensus of those present was that these topics were a good start.

Committee members agreed to take on specific tasks within these topics:

Messrs. Bartie, Smith, and Sniger volunteered to research battery storage.

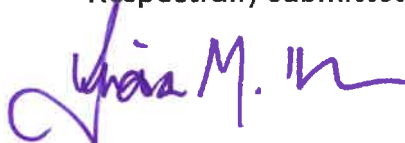
Messrs. Wilson and Pol volunteered to research grant funding.

Messrs. Bicki and Wilson volunteered to research "retail" issues affecting homeowners.

Ms Burke volunteered to collect and circulate available information on related topics, and suggested that Ms Wolk assist in that effort.

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Pol, the committee voted 5-0-0 to adjourn at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Burke, Clerk

Approved:

6-0-0

Date:

1/9/2024

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2024
4 p.m.
Room 24, Wareham Town Hall