Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Agenda

October 18, 2022, 10 am

1. **Participation in 10-Town All-Electric Construction Pilot Program.** Aquinnah remains among those qualified to participate in the 10-town all-electric new construction pilot program authorized by the state’s recent climate bill. West Tisbury will withdraw from the program, as it is unable to meet the affordable-housing condition in the law. Other towns and cities, including Boston, Salem, and potentially Worcester, are applying for permission to adopt all-electric requirements. DOER has announced its intention to act deliberately in implementing this provision of the law.
2. **Possible Alliance with BlocPower to Retrofit Existing Buildings**. A company called BlocPower, www.blockpower.io, has proposed to team with the Town to retrofit existing homes to be all-electric. We will discuss whether to propose that the Town explore this opportunity.
3. **Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Technical Assistance Project.** The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will hold a technical meeting on October 10 at 4 pm with representatives of Aquinnah and Chilmark. This first technical meeting will focus on issues in creating a town microgrid. Meghan Gombos and Bill Lake will participate for Aquinnah; other members of the committee are welcome to join. Representatives of the Tribe and of Vineyard Power will join.
4. **New Stretch Code and Specialized Opt-In Stretch Code.** DOER has issued final language for a revised Stretch Code and a Specialized Municipal Opt-In Stretch Code. The revised Stretch Code will be automatically effective in mid-2024 in towns that have adopted the Stretch Code, as Aquinnah has. The Specialized Code, which is intended to require new buildings to have zero carbon emissions, will be available for towns to opt into. We will want to consider proposing that Aquinnah opt into it. It is possible that the language will be revisited by the new Administration that will take office in January.
5. **Landfill Solar Array.** We’ll have an update on prospects for possible town ownership of the solar array at the capped landfill.
6. **Vineyard Power Application to Be CLC’s Community First Partner.** Vineyard Power is applying to Cape Light Compact to be its Community First Partner for the island. In that role, VP would work to encourage island residents and businesses to take advantage of the MassSave incentives to weatherize and electrify their buildings. We may want to support VP’s application and to work with it if it is awarded this role.

1. **Other Business.**

A Zoom invitation is set forth below.

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Bill Lake is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee Meeting

Time: Oct 18, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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