Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Agenda

September , 2022, 10 am

1. **Action on Bylaw Proposals and Home Rule Petition.** The state legislature passed, and Governor Baker signed, a new climate bill that, among other good things, authorizes 10 towns to implement all-electric new construction requirements. A town must satisfy an affordable housing condition, which Aquinnah does. The Town wrote to DOER on August 25 (attached), declaring our interest in implementing our new bylaws promptly. Other town and cities continue to seek permission to adopt all-electric requirements, including Boston. We’ll discuss next steps.
2. **Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Application.** An initial workshop for the successful applicants (only 12 nationwide) to the ETIPP program was held by Zoom on July 19, from 3 to 5 pm Eastern. Meghan and I are participating in the ETIPP process for Aquinnah, and Rob Hannemann and Hugh Weisman are participating for Chilmark, with other any other members of the town committees encouraged to join. We’ve invited participation on behalf of the Tribe as well. The next couple of months will be devoted to scoping the technical assistance project to meet town priorities.
3. **Landfill Solar Array.** We’ll have an update on prospects for possible town ownership of the solar array at the capped landfill.
4. **MVC Climate Action Plan.** The plan is completed and has been posted on the web at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rMiZ24AfHWcX-j9tW4eixd67-ZNwF1_P/view?usp=sharing>. It includes over 80 action items, which we will want to consider as we prepare a Town energy plan with help from the ETIPP process.
5. **Vision Fellowship Positions.**
   1. The Martha’s Vineyard Commission has hired Kate Warner of West Tisbury to take the role of Energy Planner. They contemplate that she will help to define the role and responsibilities of that position, with the expectation that, after 6 months or so, someone will be brought on to fill the job more permanently and Kate will mentor that person. Kate will join our September meeting to acquaint herself with our activities.
   2. Vineyard Power is hiring an Energy Transition Coordinator to work with Vineyard residents in taking advantage of clean energy and energy effiiency opportunities.
6. **ECCCI Meeting.** The fall meeting of the Energy & Climate Committees of Cape & Islands (ECCCI) will be September 15th at 4:30. I twill be a hybrid meeting, partly by Zoom and partly in person at the Cape Light Compact offices in South Yarmouth. These meetings provide an opportunity to hear what our counterpart commitees are doing and updates from the three sponsoring organizations, Cape Light Compact, the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative and the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative.
7. **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 9 13 2022

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