Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Agenda

February 6, 4 pm

1. **Update for Select Board.** Bill Lake will brief the Select Board on February 7 on two matters: The new energy-efficient building codes (Stretch Code and Opt-In Specialized Code); and the technical assistance we’re receiving along with Chilmark from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).
2. **Ten-Municipality All-Electric Construction Pilot Program.** DOER has released proposed rules and a model town rule to implement the pilot program authorized by last year’s climate law. Bill Lake participated in a DOER information session about the proposals. DOER will hold a public hearing on the proposals on February 8, and written comments are due on February 10. We’ll discuss the issues.
3. **New Stretch Code and Specialized Opt-In Stretch Code.** DOER’s revised Stretch Code took effect on January 1, 2023 in towns that have adopted the Stretch Code, as Aquinnah has. Its requirements will be phased in by July 2024. A Specialized Opt-In Code, which is intended to require new buildings to be even more energy efficient, is available for towns to opt into. VSEC has recommended that all six island towns opt into the Specialized Code, each on its own schedule. We will discuss the Specialized Code and its relationship to the ten-municipality pilot program.
4. **Landfill Solar Array.** The Town’s purchase of the solar array is complete; a thank you letter was sent to the family that made it possible, and the MV Times carried a story.
5. **Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Technical Assistance Project.** We’ll have an update on the technical assistance we’re receiving via NREL. Our latest “scoping” meeting with the Lab team was on January 30.
6. **Eversource Working Group Meeting February 13.** The next in a series of meetings between representatives of Town energy committees, the MVC, and Eversource will be on February 13, at 2 pm. Attached are the questions that may be asked of Eversource at the meeting. Bill Lake will be away. It would be good if someone from our Committee could participate. A Zoom link should be available shortly.
7. **Other Business.**

A Zoom invitation is set forth below. The same Zoom link will be used for all meetings for the coming year.

Bill Lake is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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