Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Agenda

February 5, 2024, 4 pm

1. **Participation in 10-community FFF Demonstration Program.** Aquinnah and most of the other FFF applicants had their applications approved by DOER on December 22, 2023. A couple of the others are provisionally approved, pending certain revisions of their rules. Our bylaws adopting the Specialized Building Code and mandating fossil fuel free new construction and major renovations were posted on the Town website shortly after New Year’s and are now in effect for future building permit applications.
2. **MVP Action Grant for Cliffs erosion project.** We are planning to apply next year for an MVP action grant to evaluate and plan measures to slow erosion of the Gay Head Cliffs. The Aquinnah Land Initiative will support the application, which will include a request for funds to achieve ALI’s purchase of the Aquinnah Shop property. The MVP Program has invited communities that plan to request action grants to file “expressions of interest” by December 15, 2023. We filed Aquinnah’s expression of interest on December. The next step will be to discuss it with our regional MVP coordinator, Courtney Rocha, in a Zoom meeting in the week of February 12. Bill Lake and Nonie Madison will brief the Select Board on this sometime soon.

We have also talked with the state’s Coastal Zone Management office about applying for a Coastal Zone Resilience grant for the same project. The two offices sometimes collaborate to support a project. We may proceed with that depending on how the discussions with MVP are going.

1. **Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Technical Assistance Project.**  We met with the NREL/LBL team on January 8 to discuss further results of their modeling work and next steps to implement their recommendations. Bill will report on the meeting.
2. **MVP 2.0 Program.** DOER is moving to a further iteration of the MVP program. Meghan will report on plans for the new iteration and what towns must do to qualify. We will not need to qualify for MVP 2.0 before filing an MVP action grant application this spring.
3. **EV Charging Stations.**  The Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee has encouraged all six towns to charge for the use of their EV chargers and to plan to have sufficient chargers to support town vehicles and visitors. Our Select Board favors beginning to charge for the use of our devices, and we are discussing with the vendor how to convert them to paying status. We will discuss whether to advise installation of additional level 2 chargers and/or a level 3 charger.
4. **Other Business.**

A Zoom invitation is set forth below.

William Lake — Aquinnah is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee meeting

Time: Feb 5, 2024 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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