

Town Of Truro Energy Committee Minutes

October 25, 2023

Present: Chair Brian Boyle, Vice Chair Bob Higgins-Steele, Members Lindsey Wilson, David Spencer, Alternate Harry Irwin
Absent: Mark Farber. Also present: Robert Pannesitti

The minutes from our previous meeting were tabled for discussion and approval during the next meeting

DPW Director Jarrod Cabral update:

He reported on the PSF bid opening, capital improvement, and solar procurement options. Takeaways:

- The Town must complete the PSF project and spend the Green Community grant funds in order to apply to FY 2025 Green Community grants.
- CIP vehicle purchase updates will parallel. Fuel usage data
- Jarrod will research if it's possible to write a lease RFP with an option to change to a municipal ownership option.

DPW Energy Efficiency report:

Lindsey presented Energy efficiency report gleaned from the W&S and DPW study group presentation. The report was well researched comprehensive and informative. The committee thanked Lindsey for a job very well done.

Discussion included:

- Committee viewed "too geeky" in town- Conclusion we are and should be geeky
- The main differences between the two plans are building size and amount of conditioned space. Vehicle storage part of building (s) set point is 40 degrees
- Town needs to get DPW right the first time, the time to ask questions is now
- Bob doesn't understand the purpose of submitting this to the Town now. He prefers that this report is not presented before the Special Town meeting as is, the DPW is too contentious and both plans are in their conceptual stage. Brian states the committee is merely acting on our charge.
- Discussion of solar revenue in the study group plan. Bob Higgins-Steele doesn't understand how revenue can be included without cost.
- Bob Pannesitti says that a cost benefit study of both plans would be helpful
- David pointed out that the ad hoc building committee is an excellent venue for presenting the W&S memo and Study group for an open discussion memo and other ideas. Committee agreed (no vote)
- CAC doesn't have time to be part of the ad hoc building committee
- **Action:** Jarrod will speak to SB about adding another EC member to ad hoc building committee

Committee Actions:

- 1) Chair to send FinCom chair a copy of the memo
- 2) Revise solar presentation memo for next meeting November 6

Adjourned 6:01PM

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele

