

**Town Of Truro  
Energy Committee Minutes**

**January 8, 2024**

Present: Chair Brian Boyle, Vice Chair Bob Higgins-Steele , Harry Irwin, Alternate,  
Members Lindsey Wilson , David Spencer Absent

**Public Comment:** None

**DPW Director Jarrod Cabral update:**

- Updating CIP
- NO changes DPW operations
- The library, community center, and Town Hall will need siding in a few years,
- The Town anticipating replacing condensing in the same time period for those buildings before they break down
- Director wants to get a consultant on board for all three buildings
- Envelope improvements and heat pumps are the way to go
- Need solar consultant to see ownership or lease
- Vice-Chair Higgins-Steele suggests furnishing PowerOptions with copies of Town Electric bill and they will give us solar array revenue projections for ownership of lease.
- PowerOptions has many energy management services
- DPW director will speak to treasurer and financial director
- Director updates Committee on public safety facility windows. Windows need to be impact resistant
- Discussion about Building Science Corporation or envelope consultant to help Truro reach the state's 2030 Green House Gas emissions

**MVP grant application update:**

Resilient Mass is going to review Truro's EOI for Truro's MVP grant application steps in January then advise the grant application team on next steps

**Climate Leaders:**

- Vice-Chair Higgins-Steele and Chair Boyle speak to complying with State 2050 climate goals each time the Town does a new build, renovation, or replacement at the end of service life. Member Irwin comments on the apparent durability of wood shingles over plastic.
- Short discussion on Embodied Carbon in building materials and possible future MassSave/ CLC incentives. There is an effort by RESNET to get Embodied Carbon in future IECC building energy code
- Embodied carbon outweighs the operational carbon of buildings. Member Irwin brings up low carbon concrete.

**Next meeting date:** tentatively February 12 at 5:00 PM depending on Lindsey's schedule.

H-S going to SB meeting to advocate for reconstituting Building Committee.

Meeting adjourned 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bob Higgins-Steele

