

Islesboro Energy Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2018

Present: Sandy Oliver, Melissa Olson, Chuck Verrill, [Toby Martin](#), David Petzel, Jim Roberts, Todd Congdon

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Minutes of December 18, 2017 Meeting
- 3) Visitors' Comments
- 4) Correspondence/Petitions
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Jim discussed solar farm research
 - Reported last fiscal year town usage by 10 CMP meters
 - DH wastewater included, perhaps charge for power usage?
 - Looking into 2nd town solar farm possibilities
 - 38kW array on town office to produce 55,000 kWh per year
 - New array producing 61,000 kWh per year would make town electricity 100% solar
 - Working with TL Tudor of Revision Energy for estimate.
 - Working with Toby on site possibilities – maybe town septic field, the 2nd choice in original Revision proposal.
 - b) Melissa said she will prepare a report about what the school is doing with respect to energy
 - Will identify overlap with town efforts
 - Horticulture solar project, for example
 - c) Discussion of public charging stations
 - Ferry best fit? Request from Gabe Pendleton.
 - Three power levels/speeds/price-points
 - How to ensure access by multiple users?
 - Survey islanders about issue with boxholder mailing
 - Create/review next meeting?
 - d) Toby brought up issue of solar power vs. burning bio-mass
 - Deadwood cleanup is side benefit of bio-mass use
 - Create pellets?
 - Pollution issues questioned
 - Could be backup power for Islesboro when CMP is down.
 - How to distribute?
 - e) Dave reported on his progress with Public Transportation for Islesboro
 - Dave contacted the Island Institute about examples on other islands, Tom Groenig reported golf carts on Great Cranberry and a communal mainland car for Chebeague.
 - Enthusiastic response from Mid-Coast Public Transportation, part of Waldo Community Action Partners.
 - Currently bus to and from Belfast for [8am](#) ferry and [4pm](#) ferry [Monday through Friday](#), except holidays
 - requested for magnet students
 - Fares and coupon books used
 - Buses have bike racks
 - Dave will help find out if more service is needed for island.
 - Bus service might be extended to island destinations
 - Some workers have voiced interest
 - Boardman Cottage voiced interest
 - Conduct survey in boxholder mailer?
- 6) New Business
 - a) Toby discussed Island Institute's Spring Conference, [May 5](#).
 - About what Maine island communities are doing about energy issues.
 - What will IEC do for the meeting?
 - Members encouraged to attend Portland event, [May 3](#) & 4.
 - [On May 5](#), attendees will come to Islesboro.
 - What will IEC do? - Harry Poldeski is II contact.
 - b) Toby mentioned Islesboro Looking Ahead – a promo piece about what the community is planning.
 - c) On agenda, but not discussed: Review energy-related wording in Comprehensive Plan
 - d) On agenda, but not discussed: Creation of visioning / action plan document
- 7) Meeting Adjourned.
 - Next meeting [Feb. 26, 4:30pm](#) at Town Office unless otherwise notified.