Wellfleet Democratic Town Committee

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Home of Aylette Jenness

Present:  Susan Anthony, Kathleen Bacon, Elaine Baskin, Reatha Ciotti, Judith Cumbler,   
Esther Elkin, Dick Elkin, Elspeth Hay, Aylette Jenness, Evelyn Jackson, Olga Kahn,   
Carol Magenau, Merrill Mead-Fox, David Mead-Fox, John Morrissey, Jan Morrissey,   
Michele Olem, Brian Quigley, Geraldine Ramer, Sarah Robin, Josh Stiles, Lydia Vivante,   
and Mary Wright. [23]

Elspeth Hay spoke about the Sunrise Movement, young proponents of the Green New Deal, a plan for climate change mitigation. The national Democratic Party has no plan in place, and the country has no collective sense of immediacy. New York Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is leading the Green New Deal, and requested a House Select Committee to address it. The goals of the Green New Deal are a rapid switch from fossil fuel to green energy *within 12 years*; job guarantees for all; income guarantees for all; universal health care. All to be paid for by a marginal income tax of 70% for those earning $10 million. Sunrise will press all presidential and local candidates to commit to supporting the Green New Deal.

Dems should talk with legislators about your support for the Green New Deal to increase the options for addressing climate change. Rep. Bill Keating has declined to call for a Select Committee on the Green New Deal.

David Mead-Fox spoke about policy options. Dick Elkin suggested a USA-wide transition to renewable (electric) energy would take between 12 and 16 years. Energize Outer Cape will address solarizing commercial buildings. The new housing at 95 Lawrence Road in Wellfleet should have solar panels. The land is suitable for 91 bedrooms in varying size housing units.

It will be a long process and requires community support for green Affordable Housing.

'This Changes Everything' by Naomi Klein is an important new book about climate change.

Also see the Sunrise Movement's website for articles. Share the articles with 10 friends and ask them to send the articles to 10 friends. Easy way to spread the word.

There was a suggestion that Climate Change be a standing agenda item for Dems meetings; and that the Wellfleet Community Forum hold a meeting for high school students to talk about their work on the issue. Esther Elkin will pursue that option.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wright, Secretary