

## **CAPE LIGHT COMPACT Minutes of Meeting**

**Date of meeting:** October 11, 2006

**Attendance:** M Downey, R Mahoney, B Worth, C Striebel, J Hodgkinson, R Philbrick, R Jones, D Keuch, C Kleekamp, F Fenlon, P Cabana, R Cunningham, R Schofield, K Johnson, D Fitton, J Soares, W Doherty, B Bigelow, R Breault, M Hall, W Worthington, D Anthony.

**Public Attendance:** C Powicki, R Lawrence

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September 27, 2006 meeting were approved as written

### **Energy Efficiency**

- **Low Income program-** Work progressing on Falmouth Housing Authority involving air sealing, insulation, lighting. Lake Street affordable housing project in Chatham on schedule for completion on Dec 15- units have impressive HERS rating of 92-94, far above the 89 standard. 6 Habitat homes are also being completed in Chatham. 100 units of Wompanoag Indian Tribe housing with significant energy efficiency effort included
- **Residential-** Call volume increasing in past 3 weeks, bringing current backlog to 2-3 weeks on Cape and 6-10 weeks on the Vineyard. Compact taking part in statewide 10% Energy Challenge whereby up to \$60,000 of compact funds will be expended to reward those who meet the challenge.
- **Commercial-** Information has been received from JBurns that compact is on target for meeting our 2006 spending budget. He will be making a presentation on our variable frequency drive initiative for water departments in Barnstable County to the County Water Utilities Association on Nov 1.
- **Turn-In Events-** Preliminary results from the first two of three events show that a total of 97 dehumidifiers were turned in at Falmouth and another 184 came in last weekend in Orleans. At each event, 18 Air Conditioners were also turned in. The last event will take place in Yarmouth on October 14.
- **Signs-** It was noted by several members that the advertising signs used this year need some improvement for next years program.

**MTC Green Affordable Homes Grant-** Compact has been awarded \$1.5 Million to install renewable technologies on affordable housing on Cape. This program is currently stalled regarding the RECS so generated. Compact wants the dollars to go back to the towns with the affordable housing while MTC insists that the RECS go to them.

**Solarize our Schools-** D Fitton presented an updated schedule for the installation program noting that it is four days behind at this point. 5 units are complete, another 5

will be done within the week. Some minor problems have been encountered and are being addressed. A further update will be presented in November.

**Power Supply-** J Soares and R Mahoney attended a mediation meeting held by a DTE hearing officer, and attended by ISO-NE and most suppliers and utilities involved in the Uplift Charge issue. No solutions were forthcoming, but all issues were thoroughly discussed, with emphasis on need to solve the problem to protect competition in southeastern Massachusetts. One of the solutions which would allow the Canal plant to be out of service involved load shedding of the 115KV system in case of trouble. The representative of the Attorney General took exception to this proposed solution. Further mediation involving FERC will take place. Compact comments on the problem were distributed at the meeting

**Washington Electric Coop-** J Soares reported on the status of the plant which provides the RECS utilized by the compact in its current power supply program. A fire at the plant has caused it to shut down, thus forcing the compact to purchase what will be higher cost RECs for the remainder of 2006. It is anticipated that the plant will be back on line prior to the end of the year.

**Electric Coop-** As follow up to the Governing Board meeting of Sept 27 where the Phase One report of La Capra Associates on the formation of a Coop, Maggie Downey proposed action by the board which is summarized in the following motion:

*Motion; The Compact Board directs staff to make a next step in exploration of formation of an Electric Coop, the preparation of the documents required to submit a request for a Private Letter Ruling to the IRS and an Advisory Opinion from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and to bring back the responses to the Board.*

**Motion by P Cabana, Second by W Doherty- Unanimously Approved**

P Cabana noted that he had a series of technical question on the LaCapra Report. He was asked to put these questions in writing so that responses can be generated. He agreed to this request.

To assist board members in addressing this complex issue in meetings with Boards of Selectmen, M Downey will put together bullets listing what we have done, where we are and where we may be going on this project. She also offered to appear in support of any board member during those sessions.

**Executive Board actions-** R Mahoney reported that other than the meetings which have already been reported upon today, no other significant actions took place since our last meeting.

**R Philbrick** reported upon a trip he had taken to Prince Edward Island where he learned about Canadian progress in wind energy combined with efforts to produce Hydrogen so that self sustaining renewable power production can be attained

**Renewable Energy Resolution-** P Cabana requested that the Resolution related to renewable energy support, tabled at the September 13 meeting be returned to the agenda for additional discussion. M Downey noted that it will be included on the agenda for November.

Barry R Worth  
Secretary