

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT
Minutes of meeting

Date: December 13, 2006 *Corrected after meeting of 1/10/07 and approved as corrected*

Attendance: R Mahoney, C Striebel, F Fenlon, J Soares, M Song, D Keuch, C Koblish, P Cabana, M Downey, R Philbrick, J Hodgkinson, B Worth, K Johnson, D Anthony, R Jones, B Breault, JHoward, R Bigelow, R Schofield, R Mahoney, B Worthington, O Hahn, K Galligan, M. Hall, J Burns. *W Doherty*

Public: C Powicki

Minutes : Minutes for meeting of November 8 were approved as corrected.

Public Comment: C Powicki – Detailed the regional energy goals of the Cape and Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative

Update on Orleans Wind Energy project: Dr. McKisick, Chairman of the Orleans Wind Energy Committee provided detail on the background, progress and current status of the Orleans Wind Energy project

- It is expected that the two wind turbines will be under construction in the fall of 2007
- The effort started in 2000 and in 2003, the Wind Energy Committee was formed
- Its stated purpose is to support the Iron Manganese water treatment plant, by providing significant portion of the electrical energy requirements
- Dr. Mc Kusick read the original charge to the committee, which was to evaluate and develop a wind turbine generator
- Originally, it was thought that MTC would own the turbines and construct the generators
- MTC was prepared to install the generators in 2006 but the town could not meet that schedule
- Town will prepare an RFP for bidders to develop the site, with the town leasing the property, but not owning them
- It is necessary for state legislation to be passed to place the turbines which have been purchased on water shed land. This is on schedule
- ZBA will eventually need to be approached to address the height of the turbines which are taller than the wind bylaw passed by a previous town meeting.

New Governing Board member- Valerie Bell was introduced as the newly appointed Alternate Representative for the Town of Harwich

Energy Efficiency-

M. Song

- Low income program; all available funds will be spent by 12/31/06
- Martha's Vineyard event last week- 2500 CFLs and 160 light fixtures were sold

- The only rebate to be offered in the 2007 program will be \$75 for high efficiency clothes washers
- Measure implementation as a result of an audit is related to income level of the recipient. Income parameters will be sent out by M Song
- LED Christmas lighting program- Students sold 650 sets of lights on Cape

K Galligan

- The Green Affordable Housing initiative contract was signed on 11/14/06 and will be rolled out in January 2007. This will allow us to work with builders to increase the level of “green buildings” to be constructed

J Burns-

- Noted that the program set up to address the hospitality industry by the Chamber of Commerce was completed and attended by 18 representatives of the industry. J Burns will generate a list of the those individuals
- 6 Water Department improvement project will be completed by year end to generate high savings for the towns involved. Towns involved are Falmouth, Harwich, Bourne, Dennis and Orleans

Solarize our Schools

J Soares, filling in for D Fitton reported that all 21 systems have been installed and three training sessions have been completed last week. Ribbon cutting for several schools are being set up for early next year. He suggested that more towns participate in that activity to better publicize the effort to the residents. REC procurement documents have been sent out for the towns to sign

Power supply-

J Soares- A press release was announced last week to publicize our 2007 , first half year pricing for all classes of customers. All rates are lower that NStar rates.

- Residential 11.625 cents
- Commercial 11.671
- Industrial 12.871
- Residential 100% green 13.252
- Residential 50% green 12.552
- Municipal 11.301

J Hodgkinson noted that by going to portfolio management power purchases, we have lost one big advantage over NStar in that we no longer can say that we can offer steady pricing for a full year. JSoares detailed the reasoning for going this route, even though it does eliminate that advantage.

J Hodgkinson recommended that we educate the public better on the six month pricing scheme

Streetlight Maintenance-

B Worth and M Downey described an apparent problem which has been noted at lease in Harwich related to the maintenance program. Worth noted that whenever you notify Republic of exact location of a streetlight out, they respond very well to repair. However, if you do cannot give a pole number or house number, such as when you simply spot the light out while riding by, and you call it in, the information is apparently not sufficient. In

addition, it is not clear that the contractor is indeed performing a quarterly inspection of all lights, leading to complete repairs. Each town was asked to review the situation they face, with M Downey noting that a meeting will be held with the contractor early in 2007. The maintenance contract currently in place ends in 2007.

Nominations for Executive Committee

M Downey stated that nomination for all 5 Executive Committee offices would be opened so that all governing board members would have time to think about their choices to be made at the first meeting in 2007 when a vote will be called. Nominations will again be opened in January for additional names.

Chairman- **Robert Mahoney**—Nominated by R Jones, Second by W. Doherty
Fred Fenlon--- Nominated by P Cabana, Second by R Philbrick

Vice Chairman **Charlotte Streibel** - Nominated by D.Keuch, Second by W. Doherty
Peter Cabana- Nominated by F Fenlon, Second by O Kahn

Treasurer **Kitt Johnson**- Nominated by C Streibel, Second by R Jones
Arnold Wallenstein- Nominated by F Fenlon, Second by W Worthington

Secretary **Barry Worth**-Nominated by K Johnson, Second by C Koblish

Member at Large **William Doherty**- Nominated by K Johnson, Second by C Koblish

Motion by P Cabana, Second by W Worthington that elections be held by paper ballot, passed unanimously

Executive Committee Report- R Mahoney, Chairman

- Attended DOER meeting on Dynamic pricing, Time of Use and Real Time Pricing based on positive California model. Large Utilities opposed such a move
- Attended 12/8 Restructuring Roundtable in Boston with Soares, Fenlon, Downey and Worth. NStar noted that they would like to have about 10-15% of their load in generation. M Smith from Harvard, a noted expert in restructuring urged no changes in program since restructuring has not had time to work
- Along with M Downey, attended Deval Patrick transition team meeting on energy issues and noted the need for a level playing field vs. NStar and to give restructuring time.

New Business

PCabana asked about the list of questions he had asked M Downey to get answered for him after he studied the Coop report. M Downey noted that his request had not been acted upon since she had no money to rehire the consultant to address the issues.

P Cabana also noted that he had heard that all member of the governing board would be getting a free year of the subscription to the energy website he has subscribed to for the past year. R Mahoney is evaluating the merits and propriety of members receiving such a service since it appears it may exceed the \$50 gift limit.