

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

### Minutes of Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** February 13, 2008

**Attendance:** JBurns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, M Downey, K Galligan, J Howard, C Koblisch, R Mahoney, R Philbrick, R Schofield, J Soares, M Song, C Striebel, B Worth, W Worthington, P Hefler

M Downey noted that although there are sufficient numbers of representatives for a quorum, only 42% of the Compact is represented

**Introduction:** R Mahoney introduced Peter Hefler who has been selected to represent Dukes County on the Governing Board.

**Public Comment:** C Powicki described the Capewide conference held last week which several members of the board attended. He handed copies of Booklet developed by the Cape & Islands Renewable Energy Cooperative entitled *A Call to Action*

**Minutes:** were not addressed since no quorum was present

**Website:** M Downey noted that the Compact website has been hacked and it is being reconfigured. Temporarily, a new address is being utilized and that is what you will reach if you attempt to go to site.

**Mass Energy Bill Status:** Both houses passed the bill and it currently is in Conference Committee which has held at least one meeting. The bill must be out of this committee by 7/31/08 or it will be dropped this session.

#### **Executive Committee Report:**

1. The committee will hold goal establishment sessions during the month of February and is seeking input from board members. MDowney will send a formal e-mail request to all board members
2. Re-structuring Roundtable. The Compact has been asked to become a sponsor of this bi-monthly meeting held in Boston. The Executive Committee has voted \$1000 for a one year sponsorship. Many excellent contacts and information is gained by the attendees, which have included many board members. Any and all are welcome to attend.

**Energy Efficiency Update:** KGalligan noted the list of different utility viewpoints which indicate the different goals which we have compared to the local utility. He also handed out a recap of 2007 expenditures which indicated that all available funds were committed by year end.

**Energy Fair at Cape Cod Community College:** The fair will occur on the same day as the next scheduled Governing Board meeting. It is expected that a short meeting to go over Goals for 2008 presented by the Executive Committee will comprise the entire meeting, after which all members are invited to attend the Energy Fair and Concert at CCCC. Details are on the website.

**Municipal Contracts-** A number of towns have not yet returned electric supply contracts for first six months of 2008. Representatives are asked to follow up on your town's compliance

### **Power Supply- Joe Soares**

ConEdison Solutions- J Soares, M Downey, R Mahoney journeyed to White Plains NY to meet with ConEd. The result of the meeting was an agreement that ConEd will assume some marketing responsibilities and costs this year, particularly related to re-gaining customers who have opted out over the years and those who have dropped out of the CLCGreen program.

Commonwealth Solar program which combines DOER and MTC in a new program to get more solar installed on municipal buildings will be visible on Cape soon. There is \$9 Million available for this promotion. Paybacks of around 13 years are projected for 10 KW panels on each building. Several towns will see Warrant Articles related to this program at Spring Town Meetings.

M Downey met with general agreement that a Compact led program which could be put together to partner the town and a private entity to install solar on municipal buildings would be met with favorable response. It would involve a long term power supply ( 10 years perhaps) with the town not getting significant gain until the panels were paid for, but after that all energy generated would serve to reduce municipal usage at no cost to the towns. By March, a proposal in partnership with ConEdison Solutions should be available.

**COOP progress-** MDowney noted that although the Mass DOR has not yet responded to our request for a letter ruling, we have submitted our request to IRS and have gotten almost immediate positive response. They have assigned council and have requested several changes in our by-laws which have already been accomplished

- Referring to Rulings we requested to be made as shown on page 6 of the document included with your packet, we have been told that response to Request #1 and #4, the answers are yes, and for 2 and 3, they prefer not to rule on these. With a positive ruling on Request #1, we are convinced the final result will be agreement

- The COOP changed Section 1.5 and revised wording was distributed at the meeting. This wording will meet the IRS requirements.
- Several towns have requested and received proposed wording to be utilized in town meetings this spring to start the process of towns joining the COOP. M Downey will forward the wording to all governing board members so that it may be used. MS Downey also offered to visit any town so requesting a presentation on this subject.

Barry R Worth, Secretary