

Cape Light Compact
Minutes of Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2008

Attendance: D Anthony, R Bigelow, J Burns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, F Fenlon, D Fitton, K Galligan, P Hefler, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, D Keuch, C Kleekamp, C Koblisch, R Mahoney, R Philbrick, R Schofield, J Soares, M Song, C Striebel, W Worthington

Guests: C Powicki (Cape & Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative), V Ryan (Housing Assistance Corporation), R Lawrence (Cape Cod Community College)

Minutes: Minutes from April 9, were approved with changes.

Forestdale Elementary, Solar Power Intelligence Team (SPIT)

- The Forestdale 8th graders gave a presentation to the board on their solar panels that are on their school, which is part of the Solarize Our Schools program.
- Board members then asked them questions about their photovoltaic panels.

CIGOGREEN – C Powicki

- C Powicki spoke about different goals and priorities that Cape and Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative have established.
- They have started a “Beyond Wind” committee to help identify and address common challenges by means of surveys, and meetings with local people and public officials.
- CI Renew have created a Regional Energy Action Plan. Their 2020 goals include:
 - o Generate sufficient renewable energy to meet 100% of net annual electric needs.
 - o Reduce fossil fuel use by 50%
 - o They have also created Action Plans for Residents, Visitors, Business and Organizations, Agencies and Officials, Students and Schools, and Communities.
- For the entire presentation and additional information please click [here](#).
- During and following the presentation, the following points were raised by the board members:
 - o Concern about increase in prices and V Ryan mentioned that even the median income people won't be able to survive because of prices
 - o Home Energy Audit should be done first, then Fuel Assistance, and then it opens up opportunities for other discounts from different companies.
 - o C Koblisch raised the issue of the standards of the State Building Code, and that the requirements should be higher in order to attain a higher efficiency.

- P Cabana and M Song mentioned that the affordable housing project on Martha's Vineyard will become LEED certified soon.

Energy Efficiency Program Update

1. Solar Domestic Hot Water Pilot Program – M Song
 - On May 1st, there was an event held at the AmeriCorps Cape Cod Bourne house to kick off the Solar Domestic Hot Water Heater (SDHW) rebate program. The event highlighted the SDHW, as well as other energy efficiency measures that preceded the installation.
 - The Gull's Nest project in Provincetown was the first affordable housing project to become LEED platinum certified in Massachusetts.
 - The affordable housing project of Jenney Way will likely be the next one to be LEED platinum certified.
2. Report on April Energy Ed Forum – D Fitton
 - There were approximately 100 educators from Kindergarten through 12th grade that attended the conference during the day.
 - There have been great reviews and feedback on both the conference and the Energy Fair that was held at the Cape Cod Community College. At the Energy Fair the Energy Clubs held a fundraiser by selling green reusable grocery bags.
 - On May 28th at the Sandwich Hollows Golf Course, there will be an Energy Committee meeting between Cape Light Compact staff and board members and Town Energy Committees.
3. Budget Update – K Galligan
 - The Comparison of Quarterly Sales Data Over Time was presented, and is showing that for Calendar Year 2008 the budget will be short \$65,401.
 - K Galligan presented the Town Reports for 3 towns that have used most of their budget for energy efficiency measures through March 2008.
 - Wellfleet Jan-Mar has used 76% of budget
 - Harwich Jan-Mar has used 45% of budget
 - Eastham Jan-Mar has used 45% of budget
 - May need the board to vote at the next board meeting to invoke a transfer of allocation of funds to other towns that have used most of their budget.
 - Currently there is a 3 ½ month backlog for Housing Assistance Corporation implementation of Energy Efficiency projects.
 - The demand is very high for Home Energy Audits, and right now there is currently an 11 week wait to obtain an audit. There is NO need for promotion this summer for Home Energy Audits.
 - On Friday May 23rd there will be an Energy Committee meeting at 10:30am.

Public Comment: None

Chairman's Report – R Mahoney

- On April 11th there was a Roundtable in Boston that he attended.
- The Town of Dennis is looking at energy efficiency measures for buildings in town. Currently the Dennis DPW has a 500 gallon hot water tank that is

supposed to be used in an emergency. J Burns and RISE have suggested a tankless water heater.

- On April 26th, there was an Earth Day Celebration at Heritage Museums and Gardens, and the Cape Light Compact had a booth which was manned by some board members and staff.
- On May 1st, some board members and staff attended the event at the AmeriCorps Cape Cod Bourne house for the Solar Domestic Hot Water rebate program.

Other Business

- F Fenlon brought up the Time of Use meters article that was in the newspaper on Sunday May 11. He has asked that it be put on the agenda for the Energy Efficiency Committee meeting on May 23.
- B Worthington was inquiring if staff had asked legal counsel what the liability for Cape Light Compact was on the CFL's that are disbursed. R Mahoney stated that we follow the EPA guidelines on handling and disposing of CFL bulbs. K Galligan stated that we hand out the EPA guidelines when we pass out CFL's.
- W Worthington brought up that nowhere on the NSTAR bill does it show that he is enrolled in CLC Green. J Soares says that NSTAR limits the amount of characters that can be used on the bill. It was suggested that a breakdown of the Green rate codes be put into the next Green newsletter that is sent out to all current Green customers.
- P Cabana stated that the program with NEED is outstanding. He also suggested that the towns be required to have energy audits done on all of their buildings, and then put on a ballot what money would need to be spent in order to complete the energy efficiency measures.
- R Philbrick mentioned that there should be a more efficient operation between the substation and the transmission and distribution system. K Galligan said that it is not encouraged to up keep the lines and poles and that there is only a 9% loss on the system. Decoupling in the Energy Bill should encourage the upkeep of the lines and lines.
- On May 16th at 3pm there will be a Power Supply Committee meeting.

4:05pm - C Striebel moved to adjourn, W Doherty seconded, approved

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