

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

### Minutes of meeting

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2008

**Attendance:** D Anthony, B Bigelow, P Cabana, M Downey, K Galligan, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, D Keuch, C Kleekamp, R Mahoney, R Philbrick, R Schofield, J Soares, M Song, B Worth, W Worthington, L Stranger, B Kane, H Johnson

**Public:** C Powicki, A Vorque, B Crowell

**Dennis Union Church-** B Crowell, from the Building Committee of the Dennis Union Church and Bill Rosenberger, the pastor of the church appeared to thank the Compact for assistance we had provided in relation to bringing the structure to an energy efficient standard appropriate for them to receive an Energy Star Congregation award from EPA. They have already noted savings of 25% a month.

**C Powicki-** provided the Governing Board members with information on an energy related forum which is to be held on October 28, 2008, inviting all to attend

**Minutes:** The minutes from meeting held on September 10, 2008 were approved with one minor typographical error noted for correction

#### **Energy Efficiency Program- K Galligan**

1. DPU-0747A- Supplemental proposal. K Galligan noted that our proposal for an additional \$357,000 to be spent in 2008 has been approved. These additional programs to aid our customers are already in the process of being implemented by our vendors.
2. Since we added another call center person, on August 25, our volume of calls received has doubled. Current backlog of energy audits is up to 10 weeks wait.
3. Draft 2009 Energy Efficiency Program is being developed. It calls for virtually doubling our efforts and the need for \$10 million budget, based on the Green Communities law. The plan will be filed by Dec 1 after it passes through the Energy Efficiency Committee. It does require significant dollar support from the community. It is anticipated that opposition will occur
4. K Galligan introduced Brianna Kane who is now added to staff as we bring in house the management functions previously accomplished by our contractor. Overall a total of \$350,000 is added to staff and program accomplishment. He also noted that Harry Johnson, an Americorps person is working one day per week.

**Energy Fairs-** Margaret Song reported that we fully staffed the Orleans – Turn-In event on October 4, but that is was lightly attended. The second event is scheduled for October 25 in Yarmouth.

**Energy Justice-** M Song described the Energy Forum to be held on November 16 at CCCC for the benefit of organizations which serve the people of the Cape on energy issues, paying for energy in a difficult economy and the real problems people will face this winter. Several programs related to safely utilizing energy in winter will also be presented. Agencies will be available to assist residents needing to sign up for discount utility rates and other assistance

**DPU-08-75 Net Metering Discussion** M Downey detailed the technical session to be held at South Station in Boston on October 30 to review issues related to the implementation of the net metering rules recently enacted. Some of the problems which will be addressed:

- Existing facilities- are they part of the cap? Staff will attend this session
- How do you become eligible to become a net metering facility? When decision to build is made? Or when it goes in service?
- How are net metering credits to be applied
- Will stand by charges be restored?

**Power Supply-** J Soares noted that the first ConEd Solutions offer for long term power contracts for residential customers resulted in 30 sign-ups. The second offering has 60 taking part. Most people have elected for a full three year contract.

He also noted that he continues to work on a possible long term offer for municipal accounts, with results to be completed this week.

**Municipal Power contracts-** The Board discussed a decision made on August 1 by the Power Supply Advisory Committee to eliminate the semi-annual letter contracts which have been utilized to gain acceptance by each municipality to remain a part of Compact power supply. It was expected that each Governing Board member would gain authorization from his or her Board of Selectmen to make the town commitment.

After some discussion, it was proposed that the Intergovernmental Agreement be changed to allow a vote of the weighted majority of the governing board members to commit all towns to each six month power supply by the Compact's supplier. M Downey will have BCK put together a proposal to this affect for consideration by the Governing Board at next month's meeting.

**Conflict of Interest-** A letter sent to C Kleekamp regarding his possible conflict in considering governing board votes which might affect relationships to Cape Wind since he is an official of Clean Power Now precipitated a discussion for all members. M Downey pointed out that if anyone has concern that any of their actions may indeed cause a conflict of interest, they have an obligation to seek an opinion from the Compact's legal counsel, BCK. Individual rulings will be made which are not shared with other Governing Board members.

**Streetlight Maintenance-** Quarterly reports of town patrols by Republic seem to continue to be sent to persons in each town, but it is not clear where they should go. M Downey will present a list next month which details where the current reports are going. At that point, decisions can be made by each town as to where future reports will be sent. It is important that these reports be reviewed and analyzed by someone familiar with the town's needs.

**National Rates-** M Downey distributed a US map showing electric rates in each state, information provided by P Cabana.

**COOP update-** Following information provided by M Downey

- Website is nearly up and running. This site will show meeting notices as well as have available, all relevant paper such as Rights and Obligations, etc.
- In November of December, the Board will receive a formal update on status of the COOP
- COOP Board met with RUS in Washington DC to review financing availability. The money is available, but the process necessary to gain access to funds may take up to a full year.
- PV Contract with ConEdison Solutions- Not finalized yet.

**Town of Barnstable-** D Anthony reported that the Town received an award related to energy efficiency and noted awareness that partnering with the Compact has been effective.

**Executive Committee Report-** R Mahoney noted that a letter apologizing for soliciting NStar Green Customers from 30,000 Lower Cape Towns has been received from P Connor. He also noted that he is working with Americorps Representative Harry Johnson and Barnstable Cooperative Extension to set up a trial project to generate electricity from horse manure.