



DOER is sent in, then an audit is completed and then the award is made. Each board member will receive a copy of the application to be used

**2008 Budget recap-** Through November 2008, we have utilized 97.6% of the budget and K Galligan indicates he is sure we will spend all available funds. There will be hearings in Boston next week on the 2009 budget submittals. We are looking at doubling our normally available funds of around \$5 million and this seems to meet the direction we have been given

**Conservation program management-** Mr. Galligan informed the board that we have now completed our changeover from Honeywell oversight to management of our program with in-house personnel. We have taken over the Call Center, added V Marchant and B Kane recently and as of next Sunday we will be adding Amy Voll who will work as Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

**Power Supply-** J Soares noted that we have published our prices for first six months of 2009 and board members received a copy. Our residential rate (12.7 cents) is lower than NStar and municipal rate has been reduced. In that regard, a letter has been sent to each Board of Selectmen noting that since the rate is being reduced, they are automatically extended for the next six months with no action required by the town. Copies of that letter will be forwarded to each Governing Board member.

Other issues being followed by Mr. Soares include FERC audit, the Green Communities Law and Uplift charges. Highest priority falls to settling the uplift charge problem.

**CVEC update-** M Downey noted continued activity here with a number of additional public meetings being held in past month in various towns. At this time, Brewster has submitted its application and check to join, and several other towns have passed Town meeting warrant articles, but have not yet submitted actually applications. Several other towns have the issue on winter special town meeting or spring town meeting agendas. There will be a first meeting where towns who have completed their applications are added and new members of the Executive Committee are elected on Feb 13. Application for funding from RUS is a high priority along with completing contract negotiations with ConEdison Solutions on the PV installation process.

**Streetlights-** B Worth noted that Harwich has received its fourth quarter inspection report and it seems to address all of his current concerns. Each town is urged to look at theirs, be sure it has been received. There was some question R Mahoney came back from a meeting with G Woodbury which deserves follow up. If several towns can bring in actual streetlight bills next meeting we can determine if different rates are being charged.

Barry R Worth  
Secretary