



CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Minutes of Meeting: March 10, 2010

Compact Board meeting scheduled for February 10 was cancelled due to weather

Attendance: D Anthony, J Cunningham, F Fenlon, J Hodgkinson, K Johnson, B Kane, D Keuch, R Mahoney, R Schofield, J Soares, L Stranger, C Striebel, B Worth, W Worthington, A Voll

Public Comment: none

Introduction: Phil Moffitt, who is a new evaluation specialist working for the Compact was introduced to the board.

Energy Efficiency: A Voll introduced two public activities which will occur this spring.

- Cape Cod Life Seaside Living Expo will be held on May 1 & 2 at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center on 141 Basset Lane in Hyannis. The Compact will have 8 booths in the Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency Zone which will be staffed with members of staff and also volunteer Governing Board members. A sign-up sheet was circulated to enlist persons to cover the four shifts over two days.
- Board members asked that arrangements be made to allow customers to turn in their old dehumidifiers and have the ability to purchase a new one while at the event. A Voll will follow up on this request.
- A second event where volunteers were again solicited is the Lower Cape Business Expo being held at the Four Points Sheraton in North Eastham on April 3.
- B Kane described an Energy Fair for schools which was held on Feb 24 and 25 at the Horace Mann School in Barnstable.
- Considerable information was passed on to the board concerning the Home Appliance Rebate Program which is a statewide event. Margaret Song was asked to coordinate the events on a state basis. This program will provide rebates on several major appliance turn-ins over a two week period in April. The website will allow customers to investigate which model appliances are to be covered and then a program start will take place on April 22.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 240 PM upon a motion by C Striebel, seconded by K Johnson and unanimously approved. Discussion related to RFP issued for future Power Supply. The Board returned to Regular Session at 258PM upon motion by K Johnson, seconded by C Striebel

RPS discussion- J Soares Joe Soares provided an update on the SREC carve-out and Alternative Portfolio Standard (APS) requirements. With regard to the SREC requirements, Joe attended a DOER public hearing on SRECs on March 2nd. DOER reduced the ACP (Alternative Compliance Payment) to \$325 per SREC versus the \$400 escalating yearly for those suppliers who had existing contracts in place on

January 1, 2009 for serving retail load. ConEdison Solutions (CES) is one of these suppliers. While the ACP has been reduced, the Retail Electric Suppliers Association (RESA), of which CES is a member, stated at the public hearing that this SREC requirement presents a burden on retail suppliers in that the ACP is still too high. RESA expressed concern over the uncertainty of the evolving SREC regulations and the fact that customers do not want contracts that allow for pass-throughs as a result of changes in law or regulations. In addition, retail suppliers cannot predict their long term load and as a result, suppliers see entering into long term SREC contracts as a major challenge. RESA stated competitive retail suppliers should be exempt from this SREC requirement.

With regard to the APS, which would require retail suppliers to pay an ACP in 2009, DOER is examining exempting retail suppliers who had existing contracts to serve retail load in 2009. Since the regulations regarding the APS were promulgated late in 2009, retail suppliers had already set their prices in 2009 without taking into account any APS requirement and it is very difficult for suppliers to be able to comply after the fact. CES stated they are working with DOER and all the other major retail suppliers to obtain an exemption to this requirement for calendar year 2009. CES expressed confidence they will be able to obtain an exemption.

CVEC- J Cunningham reported that the kickoff meeting for the engineering work to be accomplished by Weston & Sampson on the Harwich/Brewster Wind Turbine project will take place on Friday, March 13. The contract scope of work was gone over in detail at a recent meeting and is expected to be signed by both parties shortly.

It was noted that no contracts have yet been signed by either Harwich or Brewster.

K Johnson reminded all that the statewide cap which limits how much load can be net metered is close to being exceeded and other projects may have a difficult time being constructed. Legislative attempts are being made to increase the cap limit.

Streetlights- The Chairman will speak to M Downey to get the process started to develop an RFP for streetlight maintenance, since the contract we have with Republic Electric ends in June of this year.

Treasurers Report- K Johnson stated that the county had not updated its accounts electronically recently so it is difficult to determine where we stand. Mr. Johnson was directed to produce a report by next board meeting with numbers members can review

Chairman's Report- R Mahoney noted that several board members journeyed to Falmouth on January 15 to attend the dedication of the new wind turbine at the water treatment site. It is noted that the unit was not working at the dedication and still does not turn.

He also noted that he attended the school energy fair at Horace Mann School

There will be a Student Award program based on films made by students, held at the CC Museum of Natural History in Brewster on March 26

Illness- C Striebel reported that Jack Howard is quite ill. He underwent serious colon surgery and soon was admitted to Intensive Care. Fortunately he has improved and is rehabilitating at Pleasant Bay on Orleans Road in Brewster. He can be contacted on cell phone 508-737-7696

April meeting date was rescheduled to April 28

Barry R Worth, Secretary