

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

**Minutes of meeting:** Date: April 12, 2006

**Attendance:** B R Worth, F Fenlon, K Johnson, M Downey, J Burns, K Galligan, M Song, J Cunningham, A Loughnane, R Mahoney, D Keuch, C Striebel, W Worthington, P Cabana, B Bigelow, J Howard, D Fitton, J Bernstein, M Hall, J Soares, B Breault, T Carroll, R Schofield

**Public:** C Powicki

**Workshop-** Presentation throughout the meeting led in discussion by Maggie Downey and Jeff Bernstein. Mr Bernstein mainly reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement making suggestions for change which will be detailed below. In addition, Ms Downey reviewed the duties and responsibilities of governing board members and public employees and alternates as well as addressing the open meeting law.

- At the suggestion of F Fenlon, it was agreed that we would go through the document today, receive specific re-writes of sections during the month and possibly vote on changes next month.
- J Bernstein noted that the type of changes being suggested are within the powers of the governing board to authorize without the document going back to Boards of Selectmen or Town Meeting for approval.
- A section has been added referring to the cooperative that is now being studied
- J Bernstein will propose an updated introduction since the current one was agreed and adapted prior to the Restructuring law being passed
- A number of formatting changes, some typos have been found and corrections proposed
- Under powers of the Compact, a section allowing the receipt of funds from individuals will be proposed
- Governing Board elections will be changed to the first meeting of the calendar year. It was noted that appointments should be for one year. In response to questions, J Bernstein will address the issue of towns which appoint individuals to the board until they resign or are removed. J Bernstein will offer a remedy for this issue
- The annual meeting of the Compact will be changed to the second Wednesday in September to match our current meeting schedule
- New section has been proposed to address the open meeting law
- Board agreed to leave the provision which allows the board to remove an officer with or without cause.
- Treasurer Duties- Proposed is section which addresses the actual way we operate with the county serving that function. The qualifications for the Chief Procurement Officer were discussed. No change was proposed

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of March 29, 2006 were approved as written.

**Cape Wind-** There was extended discussion concerning the request made last meeting that the board meet with advocates and opponents of the Cape Wind project. Mr. Fenlon insisted that we needed to bring both sides here. In addition, Mr Cabana distributed a memo on power production of wind turbines as affected by increases in wind speed. He was looking for additional information on this subject; and was also asking the board to take action to improve the portion of our power portfolio which is derived from renewable energy. Ms Downey pointed out the large number of areas we are currently working with in this regard.

It was generally agreed that representatives of Cape Wind and also The Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound be invited to address the issues in brief form. In regard to voting to support or not support the project, there was mixed reaction by the board. Several members whose towns have already taken a formal vote felt obligated to follow the lead of the Board of Selectmen. It was also pointed out that the Compact has taken a vote, not to either support or oppose the proposed project and to stay that way until the project becomes a reality. Some governing board members want additional information and clear, specific facts relating to power to be produced, costs to consumers, the actual portion available for Cape residents, etc. It was not clear that a vote of the governing board would be approved or what such a vote would be meant to accomplish

**Public comment:** C Powicki addressed the issue of the proposed discussion and the proposed presenters for the Cape Wind discussion

**Executive Committee:** R Mahoney noted that M Downey had presented the Compact budget to the Assembly of Delegates and that MMA had addressed the Selectmen's association.

Barry R Worth  
Secretary