

## **Cape Light Compact Minutes of meeting**

**Date of Meeting** June 13, 2007

**Attendance:** D Anthony, R Bigelow, B Breault, J Burns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, F Fenlon, D Fitton, K Galligan, R Jones, C Kleekamp, C Koblish, R Mahoney, R Philbrick, R Schoefield, J Soares, C Struebel, B Worth, W Worthington, H Wishik

### **Public Comment:**

J Liedell, a citizen from Yarmouth made several statements regarding price levels for electricity. The incorrect information he presented was corrected by CLC officers and staff

C Powicki provided a CIREC update on future public programs being sponsored. He also objected to a COOP being formed which would not enroll individuals as members

**Minutes of May 9, 2007-** were approved as corrected regarding Energy Efficiency

### **Energy Efficiency Issues:**

**D Fitton** reported that Eastham has again been identified as Primary School of the year. They will receive the Mass State award on June 19, 2007 at the statehouse and will receive national recognition in Washington DC on June 25

Ms Fitton also reported on a letter to the editor which she has submitted to various local papers and discussed with the board.

**J Burns** reported that all 2007 project funds are committed and some projects will go into 2008 before they are funded and accomplished. Some small C&I Money is still available. Walk-in-Cooler retrofit money is also available

Vendor Miser installations are being pursued to retrofit existing soda- type vending machines at no cost to the businesses. Savings in energy are anticipated to be around \$200 annually, or 1/3 of the cost of operation for each unit. Cost to CLC is about \$250

**P Cabana-** Relayed his experiences while vacationing in Wyoming relative to the cost of energy from Bonneville Power Authority ( BPA). This coop has been in business since 1937 with the bulk of its energy generated by massive hydroelectric projects, developed by the federal government. The result is it that energy, even now can be sold at 5.75 cents to residential customers. The object lesson for our area is that utilizing no cost renewable fuel, like water or wind can result in significant savings for customers. He distributed a small chart showing the cost of energy in various regions of the United States.

**COOP-** Maggie Downey presented a power point development showing the basics of the formation of the proposed COOP which the Board will be asked to approve today. The original members will be the Town and County of Barnstable and the Cape Light Compact. The reason for forming the COOP at this point, even though no financial obligations have been asked of any members, is merely to determine if this organization will be ruled tax exempt in the eyes of the IRS. A letter ruling on this issue will be requested directly after the COOP is finalized. It is expected that we must wait for a

period of 6 months to a year for a response. Only after a favorable ruling is obtained, will the COOP look to encourage additional members from amongst the towns on the Cape and MV, expand the Executive Committee from three to five members and set some financial obligations for membership. Until then, there is no financial obligation to any town, the county or the Compact.

Every board member has received copies of the articles of incorporation and the By-Laws of the proposed COOP for review. Following this presentation, a follow presentation and Q/A session with Jeff Bernstein was held, leading to the following series of motions for action by the board

It was noted that the County Commissioners voted to join the COOP at a meeting this morning ( June 13, 2007)

**Motion:** *That the Cape Light Compact vote to adopt the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative*

**Motion by B R Worth, Second by C Striebel** *The motion passed with a vote of 12 in favor and 2 opposed*

**Motion:** *That the Cape Light Compact vote to become a member of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative*

**Motion by B R Worth, Second by C Striebel.** *The motion passed unanimously (14-0)*

**Motion:** *That the Cape Light Compact vote to appoint Maggie Downey as the Cape Light Compact's representative to the Board of Directors of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative*

**Motion by BR Worth, Second by C Striebel** *The motion passed by a vote of 12-0 with one abstention*

**Motion:** *That the Cape Light Compact vote to appoint Maggie Downey as the incorporator of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative*

**Motion by B R Worth, Second by C Striebel** *The motion passed by a vote of 11-0 with one abstention*

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned prior to the completion of presentations on the agenda for legislative update and executive committee report due to emergency health issues related to one attendee

Barry R Worth  
Secretary