

## **CAPE LIGHT COMPACT Minutes of Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** November 14, 2007

**Attendance: Board members and staff:** D Anthony, B Bigelow, J Burns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, F Fenlon, D Fitton, K Galligan, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, R Jones, C Kleekamp, C Coblish, R Philbrick, R Schoefield, J Soares, M Song, C Striebel, B Worth, W Worthington.

**Public official:** Representative Matthew Patrick

**Public attendance:** C Powicki, 2 Barnstable Town residents

**School representatives:** Ben Haskell and Mike Doyle representing the Bourne Middle School Energy Savers Club were in attendance for the start of the meeting to be recognized by the Board as recipients of the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association Community Service awards for 2007. D Fitton introduced the two young men who were congratulated by Vice Chair, C Striebel on behalf of the Chairman who was not in attendance and on behalf of the Board

**CLC Energy Education programs-** K Galligan and D Fitton detailed the 8 minute video depicting the work that has been accomplished at various schools on Cape and Vineyard, with slides of many of the children who have been involved over the past five years.

**Americorp Placement:** Ben Winterhalter who has joined the staff of the Compact introduced himself and showed a short Power Point presentation describing his background and education. He was warmly welcomed by the Board. He is currently working on Tuesdays only and his present assignment is the development of a homeowners information booklet related to the Provincetown Green Affordable Housing Project.

**Legislative Update-** M Downey gave a detailed review of the status of the currently being discussed and revised 2007 Energy Bill which has taken up most of the time of CLC staff over the summer and fall. This far ranging legislation which will probably be enacted prior to the end of the current session will affect many of our operations. CLC staff has been working with the Save Energy Coalition, working out some problems and attempting to maintain our programs in the future. The details of the bill, in its current state were described and all members of the board will receive electronic versions of the Power Point presentation

**Long Term Contracts-** Due to the extensive time needed to cover the provisions of the energy legislation, P Cabana reduced his presentation to an introduction into the need for long term power contracts, with a continuation to be scheduled for a future meeting of the Board. He very clearly described the severe dependence which this country has for

foreign oil, the bleak prospects for the remaining supplies of both oil and natural gas and the obvious need to emphasize renewable energy sources in the future.

**Energy Fair results-** M Song reviewed the results of the three “Turn-In” events where we recycled 2143 light bulbs into CFLs and received 325 dehumidifiers and A/Cs. The programs are still actively received by the public

**Energy Conservation Brochure.** M Song distributed a new brochure which details the various Energy Efficiency Programs available through the Compact.

**CFL distribution-** B Jones suggested that we re-establish the CFL handout at Town Meetings for next spring. This suggestion will be turned over to the Energy Efficiency Committee for review

**Vending Machines-** J Burns gave out statistics on the successful program run this year to equip existing vending machines with the ability to shut off un-needed lighting if no one was using the machine. He noted that although new machines are equipped with the technology, it would be advantageous to continue the program next year for in-place units. Most of the units retrofitted this year are in Barnstable and Yarmouth

**De-coupling Legislation-** J Soares noted his attendance at five days of DPU hearings on the issue of breaking the link between sales and revenue. Initial comments have been submitted and reply briefs are due on December 3

**Public Comment:** A Barnstable resident issued an opinion that the public should receive a tax credit if total use of energy has been reduced over the year

**Previous Meeting minutes-** The minutes of the September 26 meeting were approved with the correction noted that W Worthington was in attendance, but not included in the list of attendees.

**Report from the Executive Committee:** C Striebel reported again that most of staff time since our last meeting has been spent as detailed above on Bill 3965 and the 07-50 de-coupling initiative.

A report from the Yarmouth public session of Nov 12, to explain the reasons why electric bills are where they are was conducted with ConEd Solutions help and was attended by eight members of the public and several board and staff members.

**Long Term Contact with Cape Wind-** In response to a question from PCabana, M Downey reported that she has met with Cape Wind, has signed a confidentiality agreement and had initial discussions, after with Cape Wind indicated that they wish to wait until release of the IES before continuing.

**COOP Status-** M Downey reported that the letter asking for tax implication ruling has been filed with Mass DOR but no response has yet been received. We have been

awaiting for that response prior to asking for the letter ruling from IRS, but will file before 1/1/08 in any event, since after that point, new fees would be necessary

**Nominations-** M Downey reminded the board that at our December meeting, nominations for Executive Committee Members will be requested, but that nominations will remain open until January, just before voting at our normal meeting.

BR Worth  
Secretary