

# **CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

May 13, 2009

# Minutes of Meeting: May 13, 2009 (Corrected after meeting where these minutes were approved on June 10, 2009)

**Attendance:** D Anthony, J Burns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, M Downey, F Fenlon, D Fitton, K Galligan, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, B Kane, C Kleekamp, S Lempitski, R Schofield, J Soares, L Stranger, C Striebel, B Worth, A Voll, J Sexton, L Caporelli

# Public attendance: Steve Luboyeki, Falmouth

**Minutes:** The minutes from March 25 meeting were approved with three corrections which will be made before the minutes are filed.

Chair: C Striebel chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman R Mahoney

# **Energy Efficiency-**

K Galligan summarized the three year Energy Efficiency Plan being developed by the joint efforts of all Energy Efficiency Program Administrators across the state. It is designed to offset the 3% load growth normally seen. The plan as submitted will be revised after review by DPU and re-submitted in July. Hopefully by October, it will be approved for implementation starting in 2010. Significant program changes and increases in plan expenditures are included. A three fold increase in dollars expended is being proposed.

**Energy Efficiency Education-** D Fitton reported on the four, Cape recipients for the Secretary's Award from the state. Cape schools which are being recognized are Chatham Elementary, Bourne Middle School, Harwich Cape Cod Teach and Eastham. Local celebration of this fine work will be noted at the Awards Ceremony and ice cream social which will be held on June 9 at Barnstable High School.,

# **Power Supply-**

- **Municipal RFP-**J Soares reported on the process which has occurred over the past month to satisfy the request of the town administrators and managers to obtain a lower price for municipal accounts. At the end of the bidding process where several bids were considered, the lowest price was determined to be ConEdison Solutions at a rate of 9.67 Cents /KWH for the period 1/1/10 to June 30, 2011. 49 governmental entities on Cape signed up for this supply on April 28.
- **CLC Green-** It was noted that the tax deductibility program run by MTC will be discontinued on 7/1/09. The Compact will continue its program with enhancements expected to be added later in the year

### • Default Service Adjustment-

 ISO-NE voted yesterday on a proposal designed to create a special. Upper & Lower SEMA, which would force the company supplying and ultimately the customers on Cape to absorb all the charges associated. This vote indicated that the single SEMA zone will remain. M Downey distributed the remarks made by Chairman R Mahoney at the public hearing on April 8. The matter is currently under DPU study and advisement. They must report back to the legislature as stated in the Green Community Act. It is apparent that the Attorney General's office supports the status quo.

### **CVEC Update:**

M Downey noted that a number of towns had a warrant article this spring to join the CVEC. Of those who have acted so far, the following towns have voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate with CVEC relative to joining, this spring; Falmouth, Sandwich, Mashpee, Eastham, Yarmouth, Truro. Orleans has it on the warrant for action this evening. Wellfleet and Chatham do not have such action on spring warrant

She also noted that Ron Collins has become a six month temporary employee of the coop, with responsibility to act as Project Manager.

M Downey also reported that she presented the action item provided by this board at its last meeting for consideration by the CVEC Executive Committee. That board voted not to take action at this time, but to defer for several months. Reasoning being that this organization, as set up now, has just begun to act and that it is premature to make changes immediately. It was also noted that the action of the CLC Governing Board included several non members of the coop. The CVEC board members who are also CLC Board members supported this action, both at the CVEC Board meeting and today.

PV- All contract language has been agreed to between ConEdison Solutions and CVEC and site visits will be completed in June for the sites presently agreed upon.

A regular meeting date for the Executive Committee of the CVEC was set as the third Thursday of every month at 930AM.

#### **DOER Energy Assistance Program**

J Burns reported that two CLC towns have received grants through this program. Edgartown received \$58,467 for work at water treatment facilities Tisbury received \$98,583 to re-commission an energy management system

#### Streetlight Update

R Schofield reported that he has reviewed recent streetlight bills for the town and is satisfied that the billing has been done in accordance with the proper NStar rate. Combined with similar information provided by B Worth for Harwich, last month, it was decided that no problem currently exists. No further action was recommended

#### Yarmouth Town Meeting:

J Howard reported that when the Warrant Article calling for the town to join the CVEC was presented, a Town Meeting Member presented a three page amendment, which was passed along with the main motion to join the coop. It still remains unclear what the substance of the amendment is and not at all clear as to what action is required.

#### Net Metering:

In response to a question by J Hodgkinson, it was noted that hearings have been held and comments presented by both sides on the net metering issue. If the proposed rules presented by DPU go into effect, net metering as we understood the concept will cease to exist. The issue remains open.

Barry R Worth Secretary