



## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

### **Minutes of Meeting: November, 17, 2010**

**Attendance:** D Anthony, P Cabana, W Doherty, M Downey, F Fenlon, D Fitton, C Galazzi, K Galligan, P Hefler, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, B Kane, D Keuch, C Koblish, S Lempitski, R Mahoney, N Price, R Schofield, J Soares, C Striebel, A Voll, B Worth, W Worthington, K Laura, J Bernstein

**Public Attendance:** Joyce Flynn

**Public Comment:** none

**DOER-** Kevin Galligan introduced Frank Gorke, Director of Energy Efficiency Division of DOER who complemented the Compact for our programs and compliance with various initiatives  
DOER

**Minutes:** Notes from meeting of October 13, 2010 were approved after several typos were noted and will be corrected by the secretary.

**Presentation:** Paul McGrath from Wright's Appliances in East Harwich made a short presentation on the Smart Strip which is a multiple outlet as well as a surge suppression device designed to save energy by having one master device trigger the shut down of up to four other appliances. This device is ideal for connection to a TV as the master device which triggers the energizing of cable tuners, DVD players and recorders, etc. This saves the phantom energy use by these appliances while they are in the "off position". Business was stopped for a few minutes which several board members purchased units.

### **Energy Efficiency Update: K Galligan**

- K Galligan noted the mid-term filing with the DPU of our Energy Conservation implementation plan for 2011. This was merely an update since the three year plan has been approved some time ago. Mostly this was an update to show the Phase 2 detail of our Pilot Program, which is all that has been changed in our 2011 plan. Staff is currently working on implementation of a fully developed 2011 budget.
- Home Energy Score: This is really an enhanced home energy assessment which shows the level of conservation measures already taken in the home and compares its efficiency with those in the neighborhood or in other areas. It also provides a report which tells you what has to be done and what it will cost to move the home up to a more efficient number and level. The Compact will pilot a program on this issue.

## **Intergovernmental Agreement**

**J Bernstein of BCK** led a discussion of proposed revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which had been developed by the Executive Committee and had been distributed to all Governing Board members at the October board meeting. It has been four years since the IGA has been revised and this revision brings the document up to the requirements of Mass State law. It was noted that the members of the Governing Board are authorized to vote for such changes without the document being reviewed and approved by either the Board of Selectmen or Town Meeting.

- Article IV –B deals with annual and regular meetings of the board. No changes are included here although the Executive Committee recommends that the frequency of meetings of the board be changed to every other month. No action was taken on this issue and it was left to be discussed at a future board meeting
- Article VI concerns the actions of members relating to the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law, G.L. 268A. After some discussion and comments from Mr Bernstein relative to the Barnstable Town Counsel’s request for additional information and discussion of this section, it was agreed that no action would be taken at this time to change Art VI from the wording which has been in effect for some time. The issue was tabled.

On a motion by P Cabana, seconded by J Howard, the Governing Board voted to accept the changes proposed. At request of Eastham representative, the vote was recorded and is tabulated below:

➤ Harwich	Yes
➤ Edgartown	Yes
➤ Bourne	Yes
➤ Brewster	Yes
➤ Barnstable	Yes
➤ Dukes County	Yes
➤ Tisbury	Yes
➤ Eastham	No
➤ Orleans	Yes
➤ Falmouth	No
➤ Yarmouth	Yes
➤ Chatham	Yes
➤ Truro	Yes
➤ Dennis	Yes

Overall, 12 members voted in favor and 2 voted against the changes. The motion carried and Ms Downey will forward a full red-lined copy along with a clean copy to all Governing Board Members

**Executive Session:** Upon a motion by C Striebel, seconded by J Hodgkinson, the board voted to enter Executive Session at 410PM to discuss litigation issues and returned to regular session on a motion by K Johnson, seconded by J Howard at 455PM

## **Power Supply:**

**Municipal Rates:** J Soares discussed Municipal RFP that was issued on Nov 8. He has contacted 12 potential suppliers. Comments on our municipal competitive supply agreement are due from bidders on Nov 29. Prices will be due on Dec 14. Mr. Soares noted that as was the case the last time we went to bid for municipal rates, representatives of each town would be asked to attend with power to accept or reject the bid for the town or to forward a proxy to allow the CLC Chief Procurement Officer to vote for them

**NStar** residential rate for first six months of 2011- J Soares noted that NStar has released its rate proposal and has determined that they will charge residential customers 7.718 cents which they claim is

a 14% reduction. However, it is a reduction over a 12 month period but only a 3 ½ % reduction since last pricing period.

He also noted that we can expect one or more Long Term contract proposals for residential customers soon. It will be possible for customers who are currently signed up for the current long term rate of 9.8 cents to transfer to a newer, lower rate.

**Treasurer's Report-** K Johnson noted nothing alarming with his review of the month's financial report, but urged members to watch legal charges which are building and represent a larger burden now that our reserve fund is somewhat lower than a year ago.

**CVEC-** There was no report on status of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Coop

**R Mahoney-** noted that nominations for members of the Executive Committee would be opened at our December 8, 2010 meeting and elections will be held in January.

**Other Energy Efficiency Issues:** R Zweig asked that in a future meeting the board discuss other, innovative energy efficiency issues with a mind to expanding our programs.

**Barry R Worth**  
**Secretary**