CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2011-revised (revised also on 7/14/2011)

*Minutes revised on June 13, 2011 to indicate the vote of the board to enter Executive Session. This change is underlined but not in bold type*

**Attendance:** D Anthony, P Cabana, P Cocolis, J Cunningham, W Doherty (after 3:15 PM), M Downey, F Fenlon, D Fitton, J Flynn, C Galazzi, K Galligan, E Horn, K Hubby, K Johnson, B Kane, D Keuch, K Laura, S Lempitski, V Marchant, N Price, R Schofield, J Soares, M Song, B Worth, W Worthington, R Zweig

**Public Attendance:** (Identified) PRibnick, Richard Andres

**Chair:** In the absence of Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman S Lempitski chaired the meeting from 200 PM until 315PM

**Public Comment:** Two residents of the Town of Wellfleet and one from Brewster. All spoke against Brewster Wind project and urged the Compact Governing Board, not to continue funding for CVEC activities

**Resignation:** B Worth read a letter from former Chair of the Compact, Robert Mahoney who has resigned his appointment as Town of Dennis representative. A copy of this letter will be attached to these minutes.

**Minutes:** Minutes for 2/9/11- were approved with revision to be posted and filed by the Secretary upon motion by R Schofield, seconded by P Cocolis. W Worthington abstained.

Executive Session Minutes for February 9 were approved with correction of meeting date and refiling upon motion by R Schofield, seconded by F Fenlon. J Cunningham abstained

**Supplemental Operating Budget Request.** Treasurer K Johnson detailed the process for funding the Operating Budget for the Compact, pointing out that in recent years, some funding has been provided by MTC (Mass Technology Collaborative), but that mainly, our funding comes from the “mill-adder” from electric energy sales. This provides about 1 million dollars a year and the fund balance normally varies from one to two million dollars available

At this time, documentation was presented and defended by Mr Johnson leading to a need for additional $160,000 for legal issues for the remaining part of FY 2011.

Preliminary information was also supplied regarding the proposed draft budget for FY 2012.

*Motion by B R Worth, seconded by J Flynn to approve $160,000 supplementary budget request for the period March 1 to June 29, 2011.*
Discussion: R Zweig asked about the possibility that additional legal issues which are not known at this time could require an additional request for funding. This was answered in the affirmative.

A roll-call vote of all members who were present at the meeting resulted in unanimous approval of this supplementary budget.

Executive Session: At 240PM, during a Cape Light Compact Governing Board Meeting, and upon a motion by K Johnson, seconded by P Cocolus, the Board went into Executive Session with all members who were in attendance at the regular board meeting voting unanimously in favor of the following motion:
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1) MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy regarding various DPU proceedings and pursuant to 2) Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(10) to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information related to energy projects in which the Compact is participating as a member of the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative since it is determined that disclosure will adversely affect the Compact’s ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy and the Compact is a municipal aggregator under Section 134 of said Chapter 164.
The Board returned to regular session at 348PM.

Energy Efficiency

- Kevin Galligan reviewed the 2011 Mid Term Modifications to the Statewide energy efficiency programs. His handout detailed the specific modifications to our program, updating budget and savings goals for 2011. Compact continues to be judged to have all cost effective programs. Our goals have been reduced by $242,000 which will make them more attainable in 2011.
- Margaret Song went thru the detail involved in the new Mass Save program designed to increase competition and make work more available for local contractors. This addresses the issues we have faced in recent months. The new program is clearly set up to allow homeowners who have worked with a contractor to continue to do same. Contractors must be certified to work within the guidelines of the program.
- Briana Kane described a new effort to work in conjunction with RSVP/Senior Environmental Volunteers on a number of new programs which couple a volunteer with a homeowner to encourage them to take advantage of available programs and helping to explain them as needed.
- Debbie Fitton presented an array of program which will take place in area schools over the next few months. Governing Board members are encouraged to attend as many of these programs as possible. Detailed listing can be obtained from Ms Fitton.
- This year’s Turn-in event will be coupled with the Lower Cape Expo, scheduled for April 9 at Cape Tech HS in Harwich. Board members will be asked to attend and meet customers on a schedule which will be distributed.

Electronic Communication with the public- W Doherty & M Downey. There have been a number of electronic messages received at the Compact with requests for M Downey to distribute them to all board members. This practice gives the impression that the messages are being sponsored or endorsed.
by the Compact and many times this is not correct. Complete evaluation and comment on every message received is not possible, so the following procedure is being implemented. In addition, such a means of communication between staff and directors might be judged to be deliberation and in violation of Open Meeting law procedures. Board member, e-mail addresses are available on our website and any individual who requests distribution of material or messages will be instructed to utilize those e-mail addresses and send communication directly.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 11, 2011.
Meeting adjourned at 448PM

Barry R Worth
Secretary