Minutes of Meeting: May 11, 2011


Public Comment: The meeting was attended by 15 members of the public, many of whom expressed their concerns related to Brewster Wind project support by CVEC and also concerns about the fact that CLC has provided financing for the establishment and continuation of CVEC. Although the Chair announced that public comment would be heard for up to fifteen minutes, comments did not extend the full term allowed.

NEED Awards Update: D Fitton announced that the State Elementary Level Winner for 2011 is the Eastham Elementary Green Energy Army. She was also proud to announce that Harwich Community Learning Center has been recognized for the National and State Special Category project of the Year. The Harwich group has been invited to go to Washington DC to receive their award between June 24 to 27. She also provided an Events Schedule for energy programs for the spring.

Minutes: The minutes of the Compact Governing Board meeting for March 23 were approved as written upon a motion by S Lempitski, seconded by P Cocolis.

CLC Operating Budget, FY12. K Johnson presented the final FY12 Operating Budget which had been presented in draft form in March. Between that presentation and the present, the Compact Executive Committee met, reviewed, and recommended the budget for approval by the full Governing Board. Upon a motion by J Cunningham, seconded by R Schofield, the Governing Board voted to approve the Operating Budget as presented. The Roll Call vote, required since this is a financial decision, showed that all members in attendance at the meeting voted to approve.

Executive Session Minutes: M Downey reported that after her review and approval by the Executive Committee, minutes from past Executive Sessions which have been judged legally appropriate for release will be posted on the website next week.

CVEC Update:
- M Downey noted that the Contract with ACE for the installation of all 7 solar farms is being finalized. There are no known issues to prevent this from happening in near time frame.
• Second Wave of Solar installations. CVEC is prepared to develop a second wave of solar farm installations on Cape & MV. Each board member is urged to work within your town to develop and forward a request to be included in the project to M Downey. It is hoped that this would go out for bid in 90 days.

Net Metering- J Soares-Detailed the joint proposal presented by several affected groups to DPU in an effort to get movement and have the rules finalized for establishment and operation of the que under regulations which are supposed to set the new expanded cap for net metering supply for the state. This has become well overdue. There is a lot of compromise involved to this development.

Home Score Pilot- KGalligan explained the pilot program and noted that The Compact is one of only 11 community programs in the country to have already scored over 100 homes. Our number to date is 139. One notable fact uncovered in this process so far is the 35% of our customers indicated that they did not know who we are!

Mass Save Financing Program- V Marchant described the new financing program launched by the Compact and area banking institutions to promote Interest Free Loans for area businesses in amounts of $5000 up to $100,000. Each board member was urged to be part of the promotion effort over the summer. Each Board Member is urged to make contact with two businesses in their town and to report on the progress at our next board meeting in Sept.

Residential HEAT Loan program. M Song presented new information relating to revisions in this program which provides zero interest loans on top of incentives. Changes in the program were provided to each member.

Streetlights- N Price spoke about new LED streetlight products, progress being made in education, pilot programs and work that NStar is promising relating to revisions to their streetlight tariffs which will make it possible and economical for towns to consider changing some lighting to LED. There is hope for the future in this regard.

Treasurer’s Report- K Johnson reports that he sees no place in the months numbers where we have an area for alarm. RE-imbursement from NStar for energy efficiency funds continues to be slow.

Expenses- MDowney urged all members wishing reimbursement for travel expenses over the past year must submit them by June 30

Recognition- for Board members who recently have left the Board will be held immediately after the July meeting

Listing of Documents presented by various speakers during this meeting. Copies are available upon request
- NEED awards as presented by D Fitton
- Net Metering –Document presented by J Soares on Enhanced Cap implementation
- Home Score Pilot as presented by K Galligan
- Mass Save financing enhancement – presented by V Marchant
- Heat Loan revisions-presented by M Song
- LED Streetlights –recent advancements- N Price
Barry R Worth, Secretary