Minutes related to meeting of Cape Light Compact Governing Board on Nov 10, 2011


Public Comment- Four members of the public were present and Mr Ribnick from Wellfleet addressed the Compact. He addressed the members regarding an issue with the Intergovernmental Agreement which he obtained last month. He spoke to the on-going dispute regarding information requests made to the Compact and the fact that payment for responses has not been forthcoming. Mr Fenlon asked Mr Ribmick whether he was part of Save Our Seashores organization and he replied in the negative.

Presentation- Doug Hurley presented a talk in layman’s language on Avoided Energy Supply Cost, detailing the method utilized to develop these costs and also showing the amount of money that Cape Customers will benefit from related to the large solar farms which are currently being contracted for and constructed. Over the next twenty years, the Cape served by CLC will realize almost $40 million dollars in savings related to avoided costs related to the current project of 16.5 MW.

Minutes of regular meeting of September 14, 2011 were approved with minor changes upon a motion by J Flynn, seconded by R Schofield with K Rowell and P Cabana abstaining

Nominations for Executive Committee: M Downey acting as Chair, opened nominations for all positions on the Executive Committee who will serve for the year 2012. These nominations will remain open and additional nominations will be entertained at our January meeting prior to member voting:

Office of Chairman of the Cape Light Compact
W Doherty was nominated by B Worth

Office of Vice Chairman:
R Schofield was nominated by P Cabana
R Zweig was nominated by D Anthony

Office of Treasurer
P Cocolus was nominated by R Schofield
Office of Secretary:
B Worth was nominated by W Doherty

Member at Large
P Cabana was nominated by J Flynn
R Schofield was nominated by W Doherty

Energy Efficiency Programs:
N Price introduced TJ Turner from Rise Engineering who reviewed the detail included on the Direct Install Audit Checklist. This document is also available to all board members who wish to visit commercial customers and start an informal conversation and audit of facilities

Prior to hearing a report from Deb Shiflett-Fitton, Chairman Doherty read from a press release of the Mass Association of Science Teachers which listed her as recipient of the Barnstable County Award for significant contributions to programs. Award will occur on Nov 17.
Ms Shiflett-Fitton updated the group on several educational programs she is following Mid Term Modifications. M Downey noted that the Mid Term Modifications reviewed with the board 2 months ago, have been submitted to DPU on October 28. Hearings will be scheduled

CIREC Proposed Forum on the Cape Light Compact, Past, Present and Future
C Powicki, representing CIREC has suggested that CLC take part in a public forum that they would host, related to the Compact operations and goals, possibly in a panel form. Possible meetings and scheduling meetings were suggested. B Worth indicated his concern for a forum like this degenerating into a continuation of the multiple record and data requests which are currently being received by CLC staff on a daily basis. He invited CIREC to work with us to reinforce our conservation efforts.
As an alternative D Anthony suggestion that a subcommittee develop subjects to be included in the information provided at a future FORUM. He, along with F Fenlon, T Mayo and B Straw volunteered to work on such a program.
This will be followed up with informal talks among those interested and future governing board discussion in January

CVEC Update- M Downey reported that bids have been received from 11 vendors related to the Phase II list of PV potential projects developed. Those bids will be evaluated and updates provided to board members early in 2012

Executive Session from 4:13PM until 4:55 PM

Treasurer’s Report for the month was distributed by M Downey for K Johnson who was not able to attend. Question concerning one area of reporting requires follow up by staff

Chairman’s Report
Mr Doherty detailed the action taken by the Brewster Town Meeting related to Article 26 which was submitted with the intention of converting the appointed position of representative to the CLC to an elected one. It was noted by Town Counsel that this was not possible since the town has signed the IGA which calls for this position to be appointed. The article was indefinitely postponed.

Mr Doherty and Ms Downey noted that during the spring of 2012, it probably will be necessary for the Governing Board to meet monthly so that budget development con proceed in timely fashion

Barry R Worth, Secretary