

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

Pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020, the Cape Light Compact JPE Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 2 p.m. The meeting was held through a Zoom videoconference for members of the Board with audio call-in available for members of the public.

Participating Remotely Were:

1. Peter Doyle, Barnstable Alternate
2. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
3. Colin Odell, Brewster
4. Peter Cocolis, Executive Committee, Chatham
5. Brad Crowell, Dennis
6. Fred Fenlon, Eastham
7. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
8. Valerie Bell, Harwich
9. Martin Culik, Executive Committee, Orleans
10. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
11. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
12. Robert Higgins-Steele, Truro Alternate
13. Richard Elkin, Wellfleet
14. Sue Hruby, West Tisbury
15. Joyce Flynn, Vice Chair/Executive Committee, Yarmouth

Absent Were:

1. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. David Anthony, Secretary/Executive Committee, Barnstable
3. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
4. Erik Peckar, Dukes County
5. Ronald Zweig, Chair/Executive Committee, Falmouth
6. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
7. Richard Toole, Executive Committee, Oak Bluffs
8. Kirk Metell, Tisbury

Legal Counsel Participating Remotely:

Jeffrey Bernstein, Esq., BCK Law, P.C.

Staff Participating Remotely:

Austin Brandt, Senior Power Supply Planner
Briana Kane, Residential Program Manager
Dan Schell, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Lindsay Henderson, Senior Analyst
Maggie Downey, Administrator
Margaret Song, C&I Program Manager
Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Phil Moffitt, Planning & Evaluation Manager

Public Participants:

None.

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no members of the public present and no public comments were submitted to the Board in writing under the public comment guidelines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board considered the May 13, 2020 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Maggie Downey stated that David Anthony, Secretary had reviewed the minutes and had no edits.

Martin Culik moved the Board to accept the minutes as amended and to release them as amended, seconded by Peter Cocolis.

Peter	Doyle	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Yes
Fred	Fenlon	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Robert	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Sue	Hruby	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (15-0-0)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Joyce Flynn asked if the Board was doing enough for recently appointed Board members. She stated that the Board used to set up new members with an existing member, like a buddy system. Joyce Flynn asked if any new Board Members have not received the new Board member packet. Bob Higgins-Steele stated that he has not. Maggie Downey stated she would send it to Bob. Joyce Flynn asked if Bob Higgins-Steele would like a buddy. Bob Higgins-Steele stated that he would. Joyce Flynn volunteered herself.

2020 OPERATING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUDGET REPORTS, PETER COCOLIS:

Peter Cocolis stated that the Compact can expect the “hockey stick” increase in spending over the next few months. Peter Cocolis stated that the Compact has spent 33% of the Operating Budget and 22% of the Energy Efficiency Budget.

UPDATE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS:

1. 2019 Plan Year Report Presentation, Phil Moffitt

Phil Moffitt reviewed the Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency 2019 Plan Year Report PowerPoint. Phil Moffitt reviewed the savings, benefits, and costs for 2019. The Compact showed strong performance.

Sue Hruby asked if the Compact is having trouble identifying low-income customers to participate in the energy efficiency programs. Briana Kane stated that she does not believe that is the issue. There are just over 10,000 customers on the Eversource low-income electric rates, but what the Compact is encountering is that for many of these customers all the weatherization and other major measure work has been completed the first time around since their upgrades are done at no cost, and there is not much left to do in homes that have already been served through the program Maggie Downey stated that is why CVEO is focusing on different elements to help expand the Compact’s ability to serve to low-income customers. Sue Hruby asked if the Compact reached out to senior center community services for new sources of low-income customers. Briana Kane answered yes, the Compact has reached out to them and also housing authorities/trusts. Dan Schell stated that the Compact has presented to senior centers regularly and does advertising in senior center publications.

2. COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts, Lindsay Henderson

Lindsay Henderson reviewed the COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts PowerPoint. She stated that on-premise assessments and installations will begin this month after health and safety training.

Lindsay Henderson gave an overview of the instant savings incentives for commercial and industrial customers. Richard Elkin asked what a troffer is. Lindsay Henderson stated that it is a light fixture with a control.

Martin Culik asked what the incentives are for foodservice. Lindsay Henderson answered \$2,500 for combination ovens, \$1,500 for steamers, \$250 for fryers, \$500 for dishwashers, and for freezer and refrigerators it depends, but it is either \$250 or \$300.

POWER SUPPLY RATES UPDATE AND PRESENTATION ON 2019 MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION REPORT, AUSTIN BRANDT:

Austin Brandt reviewed the Power Supply Updates PowerPoint.

Sue Hruby asked how the load total historically compares to what the Compact has been doing. Austin Brandt stated that the Compact is a little under where it usually is, likely due to COVID 19. Since 2001, the Compact has lost customers and load, mostly commercial; however, in recent years the Compact has been gaining customers back.

Margaret Song stated that data from Synapse and NSTAR show a steady decline in usage. Richard Elkin asked if that is because of solar. Austin Brandt stated that would be information you could get from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (“MCEC”). Richard Elkin stated that the trend on usage is most likely due to overall energy efficiency. Bob Schofield stated that solar came in strong 5-6 years ago and has continued from there.

He stated that with the increasing population, the usage has been stagnant. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact will pull data together of the historical usage and send to the Board.

Austin Brandt presented the new power supply pricing. He noted that the residential pricing would be changing in July instead of June like the previous year. Richard Elkin asked if Eversource’s pricing changes at the same time. Austin Brandt stated that it changes on July 1st rather than on the meter read date. It has not changed its pricing cycle because the pricing cycle is mandated.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT, MAGGIE DOWNEY:

1. Update on USDA Rural Energy Savings Program Loan

Maggie Downey stated the Compact submitted a letter of intent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Energy Savings Program. The next step is for the USDA to determine whether it wants the Compact to complete an application for a loan. She stated if the Compact is invited to move forward, the loan application will be brought back to the Board for review and appropriation of funds. If the Compact were to move forward, the Compact will have to secure a letter of credit.

Martin Culik asked if there was a timeline. Maggie Downey answered there is no timeline for when the Compact should hear back about the letter of intent. However, if the Compact is asked to move forward, the application must be submitted within 90 days. Joyce Flynn asked if there would be any difficulties with the Board not meeting in August. Maggie Downey answered that Compact staff would need time to pull information together anyway, so she does not see any issue. Martin Culik asked if Cape Cod 5, as the Compact’s banking institution, is willing to be a part of the program. Maggie Downey answered yes, the Compact presented the information to it. It has had great success with the HEAT Loan. Richard Elkin asked if the letter of credit would be covered under the energy efficiency fund. Maggie Downey stated that it is unclear, but the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) does not seem to support that idea.

Martin Culik asked if the Compact has shared this information with federal representatives. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact will be forwarding the letter of intent to senators and congressman.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made at 3:30 PM moved by Martin Culik, seconded by Robert Schofield.

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Motion carried in the affirmative (15-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- May 13, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2020 Operating Budget
- 2020 Energy Efficiency Budget
- Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency 2019 Plan Year Report PowerPoint
- COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts PowerPoint
- Power Supply PowerPoint