

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 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, July 8, 2020 at 2 pm. 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. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. David Anthony, Secretary/Executive Committee, Barnstable
3. Peter Doyle, Barnstable Alternate
4. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
5. Colin Odell, Brewster
6. Jillian Goldsmith, Chatham Alternate
7. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
8. Erik Peckar, Dukes County
9. Fred Fenlon, Eastham
10. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
11. Martin Culik, Executive Committee, Orleans
12. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
13. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
14. Robert Higgins-Steele, Truro Alternate
15. Richard Elkin, Wellfleet
16. Joyce Flynn, Vice Chair/Executive Committee, Yarmouth

Absent Were:

1. Peter Cocolis, Executive Committee, Chatham
2. Brad Crowell, Dennis
3. Ronald Zweig, Chair/Executive Committee, Falmouth
4. Valerie Bell, Harwich
5. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
6. Richard Toole, Executive Committee, Oak Bluffs
7. Kirk Metell, Tisbury
8. Sue Hruby, West 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
Maggie Downey, Administrator
Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Public Participants:

None.

Joyce Flynn called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no 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 June 10, 2020 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

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

Forrest	Filler	Aquinnah	Yes
David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Jillian	Goldsmith	Chatham	Yes
Timothy	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Erik	Peckar	Dukes County	Abstained
Fred	Fenlon	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Robert	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (14-0-1)

2020 OPERATING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUDGET REPORTS:

Joyce Flynn stated that the operating and energy efficiency budget reports are in the Board packet for the Board to review. However, since Peter Cocolis is not present, it will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

UPDATE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS:

1. Proposed Dehumidifier Turn-In Event

Dan Schell stated there has been a delay in scheduling dehumidifiers turn-in events due to COVID-19. The Compact is hoping to schedule three on Cape Cod and one on Martha’s Vineyard. The management team has talked about holding it at the Compact’s office. Dan Schell stated that if any of the Board Members have any ideas about places to hold the event on Martha’s Vineyard to reach out to him.

Alan Strahler asked about Crane Appliances on Martha's Vineyard. Dan Schell stated that TRC has reached out to see if they will hold the event but have not heard back yet.

2. Update on Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO), MA Department of Public Utilities (DPU) 20-40

Austin Brandt stated that the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). sent out notice of filing and request for comments on June 26, 2020. There is a link to the notice on the Compact's website and anyone who wants to intervene must notify the DPU by July 27, 2020. Eversource wants to intervene, but it is likely to intervene as a limited participant.

Maggie Downey stated that she will be sending talking points out to the Board Members to share in support of Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO). Maggie Downey is going to work with stakeholders. The Compact needs members of the public to speak out and submit letters of support. The Compact needs to show that the community is willing to pay for the program. Comments on CVEO must be submitted by August 10, 2020.

PRESENTATION ON RECENT SOLAR MASSACHUSETTS RENEWABLE TARGET (SMART) PROGRAM REGULATIONS: LOW- INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR (LICSS), AUSTIN BRANDT. POTENTIAL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SMART LICSS PROJECTS:

Austin Grant reviewed the SMART Program Updates PowerPoint. He stated that SMART provides higher compensation rate for Low Income Community Shared Solar (LICSS) projects. Emergency regulations revised SMART LICSS systems to increase the accessibility of the program to low income communities.

Richard Elkin asked how finely they are going through the census. Maggie Downey stated it is a more granular process and there are more than one census tracts. Richard Elkin asked how individuals' income is being tracked. Austin Brandt stated that it would be based on their service rate with Eversource. Richard Elkin asked if the Compact would be building the projects. Austin Brandt answered no, they would be done by project developers and there will be a contract for each. Richard Elkin asked how customers would sign up to save. Austin Brandt stated it will be similar to the opt out process the Compact does for power supply. In no instance will it harm the customer. Jeff Bernstein stated that project developers would not be signing up customers one by one because it is cost prohibitive to enroll customers in that manner.

Joyce Flynn asked if this would add significantly to staff's workload. Austin Brandt answered that there will be some additional administrative tasks. The Compact will need supplier developer to keep track of payments, produce benefit variables, and matching incentives of what is being produced. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact would be paid for its legal fees associated with these projects.

David Anthony asked if it was first come first serve for developer's projects. He asked if the Compact would vet the project and stated that the Compact should have a discussion on the project. Austin Brandt stated that the Compact's role is to review the RFP for these projects. The Compact is open to working with any project developer and will evaluate on a project by project basis to assure that it selects projects that will benefit low-income customers, fit within the Compact's values, and are supported by the community. He stated that there is no scenario where the Compact or customer is responsible for payments to the LICSS developer.

Colin Odell stated that benefits flow two ways. The developer being able to have 50% of the output committed to low-income customer increases its receipts from the SMART program. The Compact would be offering an

amount of kWh to the developer that would be dedicated to qualifying low-income customers that the developer could count on. He asked if the Compact has any historic numbers for the consistency of low-income sales or if it comes down to looking at the census maps. He asked if the Compact has the responsibility to a developer to secure a certain number of low-income customers. Austin Brandt stated the Compact does not control census tract or low-income rates. If every low-income customer becomes ineligible, it is not the Compact's responsibility. He stated that the Compact can analyze the Housing Assistance Corporation's data. Colin Odell asked if any developers have come forward. Maggie Downey answered yes. Colin Odell asked if they understand the risk. Maggie Downey answered yes. Austin Brandt stated that would be detailed in any contract/agreement between the Compact and a project developer.

Richard Elkin asked if a developer comes in and says it can serve 10% of a town's customer base, is it 10% or all customers or just low-income users? Jeff Bernstein stated that in that example it would be 10% of low-income customers in that town. Jeff Bernstein noted that developers look at geographic areas, number of low-income customers in that area and the size of projects. The ideal is to find a project that could supply all low-income customers in the identified community/town. Richard Elkin stated what happens if there are not enough customers. A developer will only take on 95% capacity because they do not want to take the risk. Austin Brandt stated low-income residents in a community or area enroll and if there is additional capacity for low-income customers, the Compact could extend the initial eligibility area definition. Jeff Bernstein stated that the project developers will get to that point where they can choose to take the risk by reaching out to other aggregators. Richard Elkin asked if that wording would then be added to the first contracts. Jeff Bernstein answered that it would likely not be as it would be premature to do so with the initial offerings.

Colin Odell asked if this would create competition for organizations like Habitat for Humanity. Maggie Downey answered that the programs would complement each other. Richard Elkin asked if developers building projects in other places could take advantage of our customers. Jeff Bernstein answered that they must be within the service territory.

Martin Culik moved the CLC]PE Board of Directors vote in support of the Compact implementing SMART low-income community shared solar projects in the Compact's municipal aggregation service territory, in order to enhance the accessibility of the SMART program to low income communities. The Compact will implement such projects consistent with the recent revisions to the Department of Energy Resources' SMART regulations, related SMART Guidelines and any related directives from the Department of Public Utilities. The CLC]PE Board of Directors will review and approve the terms governing, among other things, the Compact's allocation of electricity or bill credits for any such project.

The Compact Administrator is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement this vote, and to execute and deliver al/ documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this vote. Seconded by Colin Odell.

<i>Forrest</i>	<i>Filler</i>	<i>Aquinnah</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Barnstable</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Bourne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Colin</i>	<i>Odell</i>	<i>Brewster</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Jillian</i>	<i>Goldsmith</i>	<i>Chatham</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Timothy</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Fred</i>	<i>Fenlon</i>	<i>Eastham</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Alan</i>	<i>Strahler</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Martin</i>	<i>Culik</i>	<i>Orleans</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Robert	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (14-0-0)

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT, MAGGIE DOWNEY:

- 1. DPU 20-69, Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the Modernization of the Electric Grid – Phase Two (Customer-facing Grid Modernization investments, including time varying rates and advanced metering functionality). Potential Vote to submit comments, participate in technical session and in proceeding generally**

Maggie Downey stated that DPU 20-69 is the investigation into phase two of grid modernization. The Compact plans to comment in this proceeding.

She noted that she is concerned because Eversource is proposing to serve only basic service customers and Compact customers would not be able to participate. This could have an impact on implementation of the Compact’s demand response program. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact has addressed and responded to the questions that have been vetted by the Board on the consumer advocacy allocation worksheet to authorize the use of energy efficiency rate payer funds for participation in this docket.

Richard Elkin stated that electric cars have become more common. He asked if Eversource is proposing a time of day to lower rates. Maggie Downey stated that it is trying to get customers to charge their electric cars off peak hours. It is also looking at alternatives to smart metering and seeing how they respond.

David Anthony asked if the Compact should reach out to car dealerships. Maggie Downey stated that it was premature to get them involved. David Anthony asked if there was any financial impact. Maggie Downey answered not at this time.

Robert Schofield move the CLCJPE Board of Directors vote to participate in the DPU 20-69 proceeding for the reasons outlined in the attached Consumer Advocacy Worksheet.

The Compact Administrator is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement this vote, and to execute and deliver all documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this vote. Seconded by Tim Carroll.

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Motion carried in the affirmative (14-0-0)

2. Update on COVID Plan for Compact Office

Maggie Downey stated that she sent the Compact office COVID-19 sent protocols to the Board. She worked on with them with Ron Zweig. She stated that the office is open to the public by appointment and that most staff are continuing to work remotely.

3. Schedule for fall board meetings (and anticipation of continued virtual meetings)

Maggie Downey stated that based on conversations with Ron Zweig and Jeff Bernstein the Board Meetings will continue to be held virtually this fall unless something significant changes.

4. Home Energy Assessment Update

Maggie Downey reviewed the Home Energy Assessment Update PowerPoint. She stated that in person assessments had been put on hold in March. Weatherization work has started up now and health and safety protocol have been put into place. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact would like to resume in person assessments and continue to offer virtual assessments as well.

Joyce Flynn asked what the wait time for an in-person assessment was. Briana Kane stated that the Compact does not have that information at this time. RISE is bringing more staff back on. There is a quick turn-around for virtual assessments. Joyce Flynn asked if the incentive for 100% for insulation was still expiring on July 31, 2020. Briana Kane stated that the Compact is waiting to lock down an extension soon. Martin Culik asked if in person assessments were in line with Governor’s COVID-19 policies. Maggie Downey answered yes and that addendums have been

Maggie Downey asked for the sense of the Board to resume in person assessments and continue to offer virtual assessments as well. The sense of the Board is yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- June 10, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2020 Operating Budget
- 2020 Energy Efficiency Budget
- SMART Program Updates PowerPoint
- Agenda Action Request: SMART Program Regulations for Low-Income Community Solar
- DPU 20-69
- Agenda Action Request: DPU 20-69: Investigation by DPU on its own Motion into the Modernization of the Electric Grid - Phase Two
- Cape Light Compact Operational Protocols
- Home Energy Assessment Update PowerPoint