

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

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, March 10, 2021 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. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. Peter Doyle, Barnstable Alternate
3. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
4. Colin Odell, Executive Committee, Brewster
5. Peter Cocolis, Chatham
6. Timothy Carroll, Executive Committee, Chilmark
7. Erik Peckar, Dukes County
8. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
9. Ronald Zweig, Falmouth
10. Valerie Bell, Harwich
11. Richard Toole, Executive Committee, Oak Bluffs
12. Martin Culik, Chair/Executive Committee, Orleans
13. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
14. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
15. Jay Grande, Tisbury Alternate
16. Bob Higgins-Steele, Truro Alternate
17. Richard Elkin, Executive Committee, Wellfleet
18. Sue Hruby, West Tisbury
19. Joyce Flynn, Vice Chair/Executive Committee, Yarmouth

Absent Were:

1. David Anthony, Secretary/Executive Committee, Barnstable
2. Brad Crowell, Dennis
3. Fred Fenlon, Eastham
4. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
5. Kirk Metell, Tisbury
6. Jarrod Cabral, Truro

Legal Counsel Participating Remotely:

Rebecca Zachas, BCK Law, P.C.

Staff Participating Remotely:

Austin Brandt, Senior Power Supply Planner

Maggie Downey, Administrator

Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Public Participants:

None.

Martin Culik called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Open Session Vote on entry into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §§21(a)(3) and (10) to discuss matters below, to return to open session:

Martin Culik at 2:02 PM moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3) and (10) to (1) review and approve executive session minutes which contain discussions regarding pending or imminent regulatory litigation and trade secrets and confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary power supply information related to a proposed Low-Income Community Solar project (when the release of the discussion would have a detrimental effect on the Compact's negotiating position); and (2) to discuss pending or imminent regulatory litigation and trade secrets and confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary power supply information related to a proposed Low-Income Community Solar project, to return to open session thereafter. Seconded by Tim Carroll.

Forest	Filler	Aquinnah	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Tim	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Ron	Zweig	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Richard	Toole	Oak Bluffs	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
John	Grande	Tisbury	Yes
Bob	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Sue	Hruby	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

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

Robert Schofield, Colin Odell, and Alan Strahler joined meeting at 2:05 PM.

Peter Doyle joined meeting at 2:20 PM.

Return to Open Session

At 2:52 PM, Martin Culik asked for a motion to end executive session, moved by Robert Schofield, seconded by Ron Zweig.

Forest	Filler	Aquinnah	Yes
Peter	Doyle	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes

Tim	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Ron	Zweig	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Richard	Toole	Oak Bluffs	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
John	Grande	Tisbury	Absent
Bob	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Sue	Hruby	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (17-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were 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 February 10, 2020 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

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

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Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Tim	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Erik	Peckar	Dukes County	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Ron	Zweig	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Richard	Toole	Oak Bluffs	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
John	Grande	Tisbury	Yes
Bob	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Sue	Hruby	West Tisbury	Yes

Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes
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Motion carried in the affirmative (19-0-0)

CHAIR REPORT:

1. Update on Plan to Contact Legislative Delegation Regarding Remote Participation

Martin Culik stated that he and Counsel have prepared a letter to send to Senator Cyr requesting that joint powers entities be allowed to revise the quorum requirements to allow remote participation to count towards a quorum. Martin noted that Vineyard members lose their entire day to attend a 2 and half hour monthly Board meeting and some Cape Board members have a 100-mile round-trip drive. The letter requests a meeting with the Senator on this subject. He asked if anyone would like to participate in the meeting with the legislative delegation. Erik Peckar, Sue Hruby, Nate Mayo, and Joyce Flynn stated they would join. Martin Culik stated that the Compact would start with Julian Cyr and if it gets some traction move on from there.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY: DISCUSSION ON 2021 MAIN STREETS EFFORT:

1. Overview of Process and Key Themes for the MA Statewide 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan, Maggie Downey

Maggie Downey stated that the Compact is required under Massachusetts General Laws to submit a statewide Massachusetts electric energy efficiency plan. Staff has been preparing the draft for the next 3-year plan, with the utility Program Administrators.

Maggie Downey reviewed the Draft 2022-2024 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP) PowerPoint. She stated that the 2022-2024 EEP will have three priority statewide goals: (1) equity, (2) strategic electrification; and (3) workforce development. The Compact will also be resubmitting its Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) unless it is approved by the Department of Public Utilities before the October 31, 2021 filing deadline.

Richard Elkin asked if the Compact’s Energy Efficiency Plan should be saying energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction. Maggie Downey stated that the Green Communities Act requires that the Compact pursue all cost-effective measures. The larger utility program administrators (PAs) are using that to pursue high efficiency heating systems. The Compact plans to serve moderate income customers with enhanced incentives for heat pumps with the goal of moving customers off oil and propane and onto cleaner fuels. This is the definition of strategic electrification. Richard Elkin asked if the climate bill would affect the filing. Maggie Downey stated that she does not believe it will affect the April 30th filing, but it will affect the October filing.

Richard Elkin stated that the Compact is not aware of how much delivered fuel (oil and propane) is being used on Cape Cod. Maggie Downey stated that the Cape Cod Commission and others are working on this as part of their Climate Plan. She stated that on Martha’s Vineyard the only fuel source for heating systems is oil, propane or electric and on the Outer Cape it is the same. She stated that the Compact will have targets on heat pump installations in the EEP, but it will take several years to get customers who can and are willing to move off a deliverable fuel and install a heat pump. Erik Peckar stated Martha’s Vineyard is working on figuring out the baseline of what the deliverable fuel usage is as it works to become 100% renewable by 2040. He stated that Vineyard Commission has essentially finished an Excel modeling document and is willing to share with the Board.

Maggie Downey reviewed the likely program changes in the 2022-2024 EEP. She stated that the Compact will no longer be installing lighting/LEDs as part of the Residential Home Energy Assessment, except for Income Eligible customers. There will no longer be incentives for LEDs because it is no longer cost effective, and the market has transformed (residential energy efficiency lighting is now the baseline). Incentives for oil heating systems will cease for market rate customers under the energy efficiency program. Moderate income customers will be offered enhanced incentives for heating systems. She stated that the Compact will mostly likely see a new all-electric construction offering as well.

Maggie Downey reviewed what changes may be happening on the C&I side. She stated that these changes might be enhanced incentives based upon equity, weatherization incentives for small businesses, more electrification incentives and decreases in what lighting measures are offered. Colin Odell asked how likely it is that the Compact will be able to maintain cost effective programs without lighting. Maggie Downey stated that the Compact is looking to claim more Non-Energy Impacts (NEIs). She stated that evaluation consultant for the EEAC has approved that the Compact/Program Administrators can claim a third of the NEIs that are given to low-income measures for moderate income measures. She stated that a lot of the savings are dependent upon the NEIs and so far, everything is cost effective at the sector level.

Maggie Downey stated that staff will be developing the Compact's preliminary budget and savings goals which the Board will vote on at the April Board Meeting.

2. Continuation of Demand Response Discussion and Potential Vote on Eligible Technologies, Austin Brandt

Austin Brandt stated that he has not been able to gather the information the Board asked for on existing generators on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard yet. He stated that he sent requests to a state agency and Eversource. He hopes to have the information for the next Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Any Questions on Monthly Operating and Energy Efficiency Budgets

Maggie Downey asked if there were any questions on the budget reports in the packet. There were no questions.

1. Spring MA Maritime Interns

Maggie Downey stated the Compact has another Massachusetts Maritime intern, Anna Deely, for the spring. Anna Deely is working with Phil Moffitt on the evaluation program.

1. April Board Meeting Date Changing to April 21st

Maggie Downey stated that the April Board meeting is being moved to April 21st as there is an Energy Efficiency Action Council (EEAC) meeting on April 14th.

Tim Carroll left meeting at 3:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made at 3:45 PM moved by Colin Odell, seconded by Robert Schofield.

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Motion carried in the affirmative (18-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- February 10, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes
- 2020 Operating Budget
- 2020 Energy Efficiency Budget
- Draft 2022-2024 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Plan PowerPoint