

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

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, October 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting through in-person and Zoom videoconference for members of the Board with audio call-in or in-person available for members of the public.

Participating In-Person Were:

1. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
2. Colin Odell, Executive Committee, Brewster
3. Valerie Bell, Harwich
4. Martin Culik, Chair/Executive Committee, Orleans
5. Joyce Flynn, Vice Chair/Executive Committee, Yarmouth

Participating Remotely Were:

1. David Anthony, Secretary/Executive Committee, Barnstable
2. Peter Cocolis, Chatham
3. Brad Crowell, Dennis
4. Meghan Gombos, Dukes County
5. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
6. Matthew Patrick, Falmouth
7. Scott Mueller, Falmouth Alternate
8. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
9. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
10. Bob Higgins-Steele, Truro Alternate
11. Richard Elkin, Executive Committee, Wellfleet
12. Erik Peckar, Executive Committee, West Tisbury

Absent Were:

1. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
3. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
4. Dion Alley, Oak Bluffs
5. Kirk Metell, Tisbury
6. Jarrod Cabral, Truro

Legal Counsel Participating Remotely:

Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., KO Law, P.C.

Consultant Participating Remotely:

Dan Sullivan, CPA

Erin Malone, Synapse Energy Economics, Inc.

Staff Participating In-Person:

Maggie Downey, Administrator
Margaret Song, Strategy & Policy Manager

Staff Participating Remotely:

Izzi Caplan, Communication Coordinator
Lindsay Henderson, Senior Analyst
Mariel Marchand, Power Supply Planner
Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator
Phil Moffitt, Chief Financial Officer

Public Participants:

Lauren Sinatra, Town of Nantucket

Martin Culik called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were submitted to the Board in writing under the public comment guidelines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board considered the September 14, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Robert Schofield moved the Board to accept the minutes, seconded by Valerie Bell.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Abstained
Meghan	Gombos	Dukes County	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Scott	Mueller	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Bob	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Abstained
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Erik	Peckar	West Tisbury	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (12-0-2)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Martin Culik asked the Board if they have (or received) any comments from energy committees on the Master Energy Program that was presented at the last Board Meeting. Valerie Bell asked if discussions had been held with other entities like Self-Reliance on this proposed program, as many entities are doing similar things.

UPDATE ON CLC AND UTILITY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS WINTER PRICING MITIGATION STRATEGY, ISABELLE CAPLAN:

Izzi Caplan went through the presentation on the statewide marketing efforts for winter pricing mitigation strategies that are underway with all program administrators. Valerie Bell asked if there was an opportunity for public radio stations to publicize these efforts. Izzi Caplan mentioned that under the statewide plan the public radio stations are not included, but that CLC could review the possibility of supplementing marketing on these stations. Colin Odell asked how the census blocks were determined. Maggie Downey said that income levels and/or non-participation and the communities identified by the DPU as hard-to-reach were targeted for inclusion in this effort. Erik Peckar inquired if CLC could look at marketing these efforts on WMVY for and also suggested having a Portuguese version. Dick Elkin expressed interest in promoting heat pumps and solar even if we aren't able to offer incentives. Maggie Downey said that these marketing funds have to be used for energy efficiency opportunities and unfortunately solar would not be able to be covered under this marketing effort.

PRESENTATION AND POTENTIAL VOTE ON CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIFICATION OFFERING (CVEO) 3.0, MAGGIE DOWNEY:

Maggie Downey went through a presentation of CVEO for a proposal that is due to the Department of Public Utilities prior to the November 1st Energy Efficiency Surcharge Filing. Maggie's presentation identified the objectives, incentive levels and bill impacts associated with the revised CVEO. Maggie noted that the CVEO budget is significantly lower than previous versions due to reduction in participants, fewer batteries and utilization of the approved 2022-2024 low-income budget.

Matt Patrick arrived remotely at 2:23 pm.

Joyce Flynn arrived in-person at 2:30 pm.

Nate Mayo arrived remotely 2:42 pm.

David Anthony asked whether CLC was looking for single family homes or housing authorities that own multiple houses, and that it might help address some concerns about equipment pricing if it's one contractor working on multiple properties.

Brad Crowell left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Colin Odell moved the Board to support submitting a revised Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO 3.0) to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for review and approval, seconded by Robert Schofield.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Meghan	Gombos	Dukes County	Yes

Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Matt	Patrick	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Bob	Higgins-Steele	Truro	Yes
Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Absent for Vote
Erik	Peckar	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

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

PRESENTATION ON THE MA CLIMATE BILL AND INFLATION REDUCTION ACT, AUDREY EIDELMAN KIERNAN, KO LAW:

Audrey Eidelman Kiernan went through a presentation on the MA Climate Bill and Inflation Reduction Act. Erik Peckar mentioned that West Tisbury was one of the initial 10 towns that voted to ban fossil fuel heating systems, but that the Town didn't meet the affordable housing requirement and would not be moving forward with the MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER) pilot. He mentioned that the Town of Aquinnah was able to meet the requirements and will be participating in the DOER pilot offering. Valerie Bell commented that there is a lot of information in these bills and not sure if the Towns are ready for it. Martin Culik mentioned that he received an email that the Cape Cod Commission will be providing some support for Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers. David Anthony mentioned that he has received approval to hire an Energy and Sustainability Coordinator for the town of Barnstable and one of their first tasks will be tackling energy charging infrastructure.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Community Education Grants Awarded

Maggie Downey mentioned that 3 organizations have been awarded Community Education Grants. They are Pleasant Bay Community Boating, Vineyard Power Development Fund, and Faith Communities Environmental Network (FCEN) & Waquoit Congregational Church/Religious Organization.

2. 2021 Audit Update

Maggie Downey stated that there will be a presentation on 11/9 by the financial auditors.

3. Maggie advised the Board that staff and counsel are preparing the November 1st Energy Efficiency Surcharge (EES) Filing. This will be filed with the DPU and set the Compact's EES rate for 2023.

Maggie advised the Board that the 2022-2023 Income Eligible guidelines were included in their Board meeting packet.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Joyce Flynn mentioned that Yarmouth Energy Committee has been discussing ideas for possibly allowing people to "sponsor" public electric vehicle charging stations similar to the concept of memorial bricks.

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 NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Board Members confirmed that no other person is present or able to hear the executive session discussion at their remote location.

Martin Culik at 3:54 PM moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3) to review and approve the September 14, 2022 Executive Session Minutes regarding: (1) consideration of strategy and potential vote regarding pending litigation related to the Eversource Rate Case, D.P.U. 22-22; and (2) consideration of strategy and potential vote on pending or imminent regulatory litigation, including Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities D.P.U. 20-40, Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) and CVEO as proposed in the 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan, D.P.U. 21-126, not to return to open session thereafter. Seconded by Robert Schofield.

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Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
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Richard	Elkin	Wellfleet	Yes
Erik	Peckar	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Henderson

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- September 14, 2022, Draft Open Session Meeting Minutes
- Presentation on CLC and Utility Program Administrators Winter Pricing Mitigation Strategy
- Presentation on Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) 3.0
- Presentation on the MA Climate Bill and Inflation Reduction Act