

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Executive Session Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 21, 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, July 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. The meeting was held through a Zoom videoconference for members of the Board.

Present Were:

1. David Anthony, Secretary/Executive Committee, Barnstable
2. Peter Doyle, Barnstable Alternate
3. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
4. Francis Erdman, Bourne Alternate
5. Colin Odell, Executive Committee, Brewster
6. Peter Cocolis, Chatham
7. Timothy Carroll, Executive Committee, Chilmark
8. Brad Crowell, Dennis
9. Erik Peckar, Dukes County
10. Fred Fenlon, Eastham
11. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
12. Richard Toole, Executive Committee, Oak Bluffs
13. Martin Culik, Chair/Executive Committee, Orleans
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
20. Mike Duffy, Yarmouth Alternate

Absent Were:

1. Forest Filler, Aquinnah
2. Ronald Zweig, Falmouth
3. Valerie Bell, Harwich
4. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
5. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
6. Kirk Metell, Tisbury
7. Jarrod Cabral, Truro

Legal Counsel:

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

Staff Present:

Austin Brandt, Senior Power Supply Planner
Lindsay Henderson, Commercial & Industrial Senior Analyst
Maggie Downey, Administrator
Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Open Session Vote on entry into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §§21(a)(3) and (10) to discuss matters below, not to return to open session:

Martin Culik at 3:52 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); (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 and the 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan, not to return to open session thereafter. Seconded by Robert Schofield.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Tim	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Yes
Fred	Fenlon	Eastham	Did not vote due to technical issues
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Richard	Toole	Oak Bluffs	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Jay	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 (15-0-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board considered the June 9, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Robert Schofield moved the Board to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Peter Cocolis.

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UPDATE ON DPU 20-145

Maggie Downey stated that the Compact has intervened in this proceeding at the direction of the Board. This DPU proceeding relates to Low Income Community Shared Solar (LICSS). She stated that the Compact has received three sets of information requests (IRs), one from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), one from Department of Energy Resources (DOER), and one from National Grid. The Compact has responded to the DPU IRs and is working on the others. She stated that the Compact’s reply will be posted to the DPU file room, if anyone wants to review them.

2022-2024 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN:

Maggie Downey stated that there are two purposes of this presentation. She stated she is looking for a sense of the Board on recently set greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals and also on a proposal by the utility PAs on C&I new construction.

Maggie Downey reviewed the 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan: Update on Term Sheet Negotiations with MA DOER & AGO PowerPoint.

Maggie Downey stated she has updated the schedule for the 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan). She stated that next week on July 28th the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) will Vote on a Resolution Regarding the April 30th Draft of Energy Efficiency Plan. July through September there will be ongoing Term Sheet negotiations and Compact staff will continue to refine the draft Plan. At the September meeting the Board will vote on the Plan programs and budgets and then the Compact will file the Plan with the DPU on October 29th.

Maggie Downey stated that the next few slides are the same as presented in April and quickly reviewed the Plan’s key priorities: equity, strategic electrification, workforce development, and Compact enhancements.

Richard Elkin asked if there will be incentives to convert from natural gas to air source heat pumps. Maggie Downey stated that it is not cost effective right now. However, the Program Administrators are updating the BCR model, and she feels confident that will change.

Maggie Downey reviewed the investment in priority areas which shows the total of \$67.2 million over three years which is 37% of the total budget in the Compact’s draft plan. She stated that as of July 8th it has increased to \$74.4 million and 40% of the total budget. DOER and AGO requested that the Compact do more. She stated that the Compact has done that by increasing the heat pump incentives overall by 16% and increased investments in heat pump incentives for moderate income customers.

Maggie Downey stated that on July 15th the greenhouse gas reduction (GHG) goals were released, and that the Compact is required to meet its proportional share of the GHG reduction goals in the next three-year plan. She stated that the state goal has both an electric and gas PA component. She stated that the Compact is 4.6% of statewide electric sales and thus should tentatively assume that the Compact is 4.6% of statewide greenhouse gas goals. She stated that the electric total for 2025 and 2030 includes reduction from oil and propane customers. Therefore, the 4.6% allocation is likely to go up.

Maggie Downey stated that if the Compact stayed with the 4.6% allocation it would be responsible for delivering 31,648 metric tons of CO₂/Green House Gas (GHG) reductions in 2025 and 23,184 in 2030. With or without CVEO the Compact is exceeding those numbers. She asked for direction from the Board on whether it wants the Compact to achieve the percentage and meet the Compact's proportional share of GHG reductions. Sense of the Board is yes.

Maggie Downey stated that the costs per kWh for the next three-year plan are significant. She stated there is a negative kWh savings because Compact is adding measures that increase electric usage. She stated that delivery of energy efficiency services and meeting GHG reduction goals will be expensive in the three-year plan because the Compact can no longer rely on lower cost measures with high savings such as lighting savings (the lighting market has been transformed and energy efficiency lighting is now required by code).

Maggie Downey reviewed the bill impacts for residential customers. She stated that in 2021 for residential customers it was \$14.60 a month and in the next three-year plan it ranges from \$19 to almost \$22 a month and slightly higher with CVEO. She stated that these are costs people are going to notice and that achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals comes with a price. Erik Peckar asked if there were adders in terms of usage per year with the Compact electrifying more items as time goes on. Maggie Downey answered yes, that is the conversation around strategic electrification until we get lower cost electricity.

Maggie Downey reviewed the bill impacts for income eligible customers. In 2021, it was \$1.94 a month and in the next three-year plan it ranges from \$2.29 to \$2.79 a month and slightly higher with CVEO. Then she reviewed the bill impacts for C&I which shows the costs per month for both businesses that use an average of 400 kWh a month and 10,800 kWh a month.

Maggie Downey stated that these bill impacts reflect the Compact exceeding the greenhouse gas reduction goals. She stated that the Compact is in a good place, but that it is going to be expensive. She stated that from a public policy perspective the new climate bill is doing great things but the new law did not include new funding streams to achieve those goals and put the burden for implementing these goals on electric and gas rate payers. She believes that is a message that the Compact needs to get out to the public as it is required by law to reach these goals. Sue Hruby stated there is a huge communication issue here and believes that the Compact must get out in front of this. Brad Crowell asked if we knew how the Compact was going to compare to its peers. Maggie Downey stated she does not know that now. She stated that there is disagreement amongst the investor owned utility PAs on whether to comply with the greenhouse gas reduction goals or to fight them.

Maggie Downey stated that on the small C&I new construction program in the next three-year plan, there is a proposal from the utility PAs that if there is a new construction in a town and they are installing a heat pump and there is natural gas nearby or in the town, that the gas PA would claim the savings from installing the heat pump. She stated that the Compact staff has objected to that. She stated that she is looking for direction on whether the Board supports the staff position. Sense of the Board is yes.

Jay Grande left meeting at 4:20PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made at 4:25 PM moved by Joyce Flynn, seconded by Colin Odell.

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<i>Leanne</i>	<i>Drake</i>	<i>Sandwich</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Bob</i>	<i>Higgins-Steele</i>	<i>Truro</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Elkin</i>	<i>Wellfleet</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Sue</i>	<i>Hruby</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Joyce</i>	<i>Flynn</i>	<i>Yarmouth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- June 9, 2021 Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan: Update on Term Sheet Negotiations with MA DOER & AGO PowerPoint