

**Cape Light Compact JPE  
Governing Board  
Executive Session Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 9, 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 2pm. 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. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
4. Colin Odell, Brewster
5. Peter Cocolis, Executive Committee, Chatham
6. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
7. Brad Crowell, Dennis
8. Erik Peckar, Dukes County
9. Fred Fenlon, Eastham
10. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
11. Ronald Zweig, Chair/Executive Committee, Falmouth
12. Valerie Bell, Harwich
13. Martin Culik, Executive Committee, Orleans
14. Nathaniel Mayo, Provincetown
15. David Mead-Fox, Wellfleet Alternate
16. Sue Hruby, West Tisbury
17. Joyce Flynn, Vice Chair/Executive Committee, Yarmouth

**Absent Were:**

1. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
2. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
3. Richard Toole, Executive Committee, Oak Bluffs
4. Kirk Metell, Tisbury
5. Jarrod Cabral, Truro
6. Richard Elkin, Wellfleet

**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

Jackson Doughty, Ameresco  
Judith Judson, Ameresco

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

*Ron Zweig at 2:02 PM moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(10) to discuss trade secrets and confidential, competitively sensitive, or other proprietary power supply information related to a proposed Low-Income Community Solar project.*

*Ron Zweig declared that an open session may have a detrimental effect on Cape Light Compact's ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy and that the consideration of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of electricity will have a detrimental effect on Cape Light Compact's negotiation position as a public body. The Governing Board would return to Open Session at the conclusion of Executive Session. Seconded by Joyce Flynn.*

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Yes
Erik	Peckar	Dukes County	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Ron	Zweig	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
David	Mead-Fox	Wellfleet	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

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

**Martin Culik joined meeting at 2:07 PM.**

**Sue Hrubby joined meeting at 2:11 PM.**

**Forest Filler joined meeting at 2:17 PM.**

**Tim Carroll joined meeting at 2:36 PM.**

**LOW INCOME COMMUNITY SHARED SOLAR:**

Judith Judson, Vice President Development of Ameresco reviewed the Low-Income Community Shared Solar PowerPoint. Ameresco is a leading energy services company with a comprehensive portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. She stated that Ameresco has put in over \$6 billion in energy solution projects that are benefiting over 8,000 customers.

Judith Judson stated that Ameresco has completed 468 solar projects. She reviewed the projects Ameresco has completed in Massachusetts. She stated that there is a new opportunity through the SMART solar incentive

program for projects that serve low-income residents and low-income community share solar can now be offered through municipal aggregation programs. She stated that under the SMART tariff, the solar project receives a payment from Eversource at the designated rate for low-income community shared solar. Then the project pays a portion of the incentive to the town municipal aggregator to directly reduce energy supply rate for low-income residents. The estimated saving is between 1.4-1.8 cents/kWh on the supplier portion of their electric bill.

Judith Judson stated that on July 17, 2020, the town of Yarmouth issued an RFP to lease approximately 15 acres of town land. She noted that Ameresco and the Compact executed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on September 2, 2020, affirming both parties' interest to pursue a LICSS project in Yarmouth should Ameresco be the winning bidder. The nonbinding LOI resulted from the Compact Board's July 8, 2020 vote in support of the Compact pursuing LICSS projects to benefit low-income customers within the Compact's municipal aggregation service territory.

Ms. Judson stated that bids are due by September 18, 2020. The options for the property include parking, parking with solar canopies, commercial operation with or without solar, solar only installation, and battery storage.

The Board had an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed project. [Note, the draft minutes prepared after the meeting were stored on the hard drive of a Compact employee whose computer crashed and files could not be recovered. As a result, these minutes were created based on the PowerPoint presentation (attached) and the recollection of the Compact Administrator, Secretary and Counsel). No votes (other than to enter and exit Executive Session) were taken.]

**Return to Open Session**

*At 2:44 PM, Ron Zweig asked for a motion to end executive session, moved by Martin Culik, seconded by Robert Schofield.*

Forrest	Filler	Aquinnah	Yes
David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Peter	Cocolis	Chatham	Yes
Timothy	Carroll	Chilmark	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Yes
Erik	Peckar	Dukes County	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Ron	Zweig	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Martin	Culik	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
David	Mead-Fox	Wellfleet	Yes
Sue	Hruby	West Tisbury	Yes
Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes

*Motion carried in the affirmative (16-0-0)*

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:**

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- Low Income Community Share Solar PowerPoint