## **CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

Minutes of Meeting: Date January 11, 2006

Attendance: R Bigelow, D. Keuch, B Worth, K Galligan, J Burns, W Doherty, D Fitton, R.Schofield, P. Cabanna, J Soares, J Howard, B Breault, A Wallenstein, F Fenlon, J Hodgkinson, W Worthington, R Mahoney, M Downey.

Public attendee- C Powicki

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December 14, 2005 were approved with corrections to be made and corrected copy to be forwarded to M Downey for file.

**Executive Session:** Approved by rollcall vote and begun at 205PM; terminated at 328PM Session was held to discuss pending litigation strategy.

**Public Comment:** C Powicki presented a memo which he read, concerning possible proceedings in the rate settlement between NStar and the Attorney General which resulted in the Order from DTE in Case 05-85

Electric Cooperative Analysis: M Downey reviewed the fact that the governing board at our December meeting voted to direct staff to develop an analysis of the issues to be considered before a decision is to be made regarding the formation of an electric cooperative.

To that end, staff met with five industry experts to develop the outline of an RFP to be utilized to fully analyze the issues. As a result, an RFP is being developed for the work, with a final report due back to the Governing Board by June 30, 2006. It is expected that the RFP will be available for review by the Board at the February meeting.

Solarize our Schools- M Downey reviewed the status of this program. By the deadline at the end of 2005, 18 towns met the requirements of signing up 3% of the occupied households for CLC Green. Yarmouth, Barnstable and Aquinna failed to meet the signup goals and will not be included in the program. It was emphasized that each town has to maintain this level of participation through March 31, 2006 to participate. There is a small cushion in all towns except Chatham to cover the migration out of several customers.

D Fitton has the lead assignment to develop the RFP for technical services to make this program work. The field work and coordination involved is a significant work load. B Worth suggested that governing board representatives be asked by staff to assist in this effort as needed.

Standing Committees- M Downey announced the need to clarify the role of the Power Supply Planning Committee which will deal with all aspects and types of power supply, and how it differs from any advisory groups she convenes as Chief Procurement Officer. This committee will meet regularly with posted meeting dates, times and agendas. This committee is not to be a continuation of the Power Supply Advisory Group which is

assembled as needed by M Downey as Chief Procurement Officer of the Compact to assist her in reaching decisions on RFP's and contracts. Some members of the new Power Supply Planning Committee may be asked to serve as advisors, but the entire committee will not serve in that capacity. Any board members who wish to be included in this committee will be asked to so volunteer at our next board meeting.

Energy Policy Act- R Mahoney presented the results of a meeting he had with Peter Cabanna concering the Energy Policy Act of 2005. They agreed that a committee should be formed to address various issues contained in the act which we have not yet addressed. A small group made up of R Mahoney, K Johnson and P Cabanna will meet to develop a charge for the committee and present it at the next board meeting. Associated with this act, Mr Cabanna asked that the board again consider paying for access to a specific energy information web based service. Action on this issue was deferred until the discussion on the committee charge has been developed

**Energy Education-** D Fitton described an Energy Education Forum she recently attended in Washington DC where a comprehensive review of all efficiency issues was discussed by many stakeholders from throughout the country.

Energy Efficiency Update- K Galligan noted that the 2005 Energy Efficiency Budget appears to be closing out with almost all expenditures tracking budget. Final results will not be available unitl February. He also noted that call volume for assistance, audits and information has increased significantly since we have been experiencing colder weather and increased energy costs.

## Executive Committee- R Mahoney detailed following discussions

- Meeting of R Mahoney and MDowney with Senator O'Leary to detail the issues related to 85-05 on Dec 22
- 12/29 public hearing on 85-05, well attended by board members, many of whom made unsworn statements before the DTE

Land Based Wind Task Force- D Keuch asked if the copies of the final report had been completed. It was expected that two copies would be available for each town. J Soares indicated that the final hard copy has not been seen lately. B Worth will follow up with M. Amsler.

Barry Worth, Secretary