

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

### Minutes of Meeting: November 9, 2005

**Attendance:** R Mahoney, Chair, K Johnson, M. Downey, C Striebel, F Fenlon, J Howard, B Worth, A Loughnane, R Schofield, R Bigelow, M Amsler, R Jones, D Keuch, J Burns, P Cabana, W Doherty, W Worthington, J Soares, M Song, J. Hohl, J Bernstein, J Hodgkinson

**Public Attendance:** C Powicki, M Palmer

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes of October 12, 2005 were approved with minor corrections.

**Public Comment:** C Powicki provided a handout to each governing board member, detailing his concern for the need to keep the public informed about upcoming changes in electric rates as early as possible. He also addressed the agenda item related to formation of a cooperative and possible conflicts of interests of board members serving two goals.

**Long Term Options- Electric Cooperatives:** J Bernstein, J Soares and M Downey led the group on a prolonged discussion of power point presentation on formation of a cooperative. The issues addressed are headlined only below:

- Why Form and Electric Cooperative
- Organizational Issues
- Powers and Purposes
- Membership and Governance
- Relationship to the Compact
- Tax Status
- Financing
- Filing Organizational Documents
- Power Supply Committee issues
- Summary of issues and presentation of proposed Next Steps

The need to consider establishing a cooperative is based on the Power Committee's conclusion that it is not possible to continue to compete in the modern marketplace under our current restraints. A Municipal Aggregator cannot, by statute purchase power on the wholesale market. This ability is needed to stay competitive. In addition, a cooperative would be an ideal entity to be able to compete and purchase energy from the land based wind installations which are being started on Cape.

There are a number of outstanding issues, many of which were not explained to the level of full understanding of many board members. Presentations to Boards of Selectmen and Town Councils will be needed to gain their support since some liability and possibly some financial support may be asked of each town.

Since there is a need for each governing board member to make an intelligent presentation to town officials, the board was not yet ready to respond to M Downey's request to vote to support evaluation of the feasibility of establishing a cooperative at this time.

Motion by K Johnson, Second by A Loughnane:

Compact Staff to re-present the issues, in light of today's discussion at the December 14, 2005 Board Meeting in a more organized fashion that could result in a future presentation to town officials and to also present a resolution for approval of this governing board which would request that the feasibility of the Compact forming a Cooperative be evaluated further.

13 affirmative votes—Mr. Cabana abstained

**Energy Efficiency Committee- K Johnson, Chairman;** At a meeting on Nov 23, the committee reviewed an analysis of the 2005 budget which indicated that programs will stay within budget, brainstormed new programs for 2006. A meeting of the Executive Committee with legislative leaders in Boston addressed the issues of continued funding of the conservation services programs and funding of DOER from energy efficiency money. On the issue of increasing the amount paid by each consumer per KWH was not met with a positive response.

**Solarize our Schools-** M Downey indicated that after recent BOS presentations and the recent release of NStar rates for 2006, we have experienced flood of persons looking to join the CLC Green program and assure themselves rates of 8.9 or 8.3 cents for the first quarter of 2006. Once the 3% quotas are met for each town, no additional customers will be accepted in the program. At the suggestion of K Johnson, M Downey agreed to accept 5 customers per town over the 3% quota to offset any losses in early 2006.

### Executive Committee Report- RMahoney-

- Compact Staff & Executive Committee met with Senator O'Leary and J Mant ( representing Sen Murrery) to review proposed and pending legislation
- October 25, Power Committee meeting

- October 28- Energy Efficiency committee
- Solarize our Schools- press conference- 11/2
- Nov 6- Power Committee

Nomination of Officers for 2006

R Mahoney- Chairman- nominated by K Johnson  
C Striebel – Vice Chair- nominated by J Howard  
K Johnson-Treasurer- nominated by CStriebel  
B Worth-Secretary- nominated by K Johnson  
W Doherty- At large-nominated by K Johnson

Adjournment 445