

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT
Minutes of Meeting**

Date of Meeting: July 12, 2006

Attendance: K. Galligan, R Mahoney, B Worth, R Jones, C Koblish, A Wallenstein, J Howard, W Doherty, A Loughnane, P Cabana, D Keuch, R Philbrick, R Schoefield, F Fenlon, B Breault, O Kahn, J Burns, D Fitton, M Hall, C Kleekamp R Bigelow, W Worthington, C Striebel

Public : C Powicki

Public Comment: none

Introduction: R Mahoney introduced Charles Kleekamp who has been appointed to the Governing Board as the Alternate Member from Sandwich.

Net Metering: A Loughnane introduced the following motion for action by the board:

I move that the Cape Light Compact endorses Massachusetts Senate Bill #2593. Provisions of the bill such as increases in the limit for net metering, prohibition of the imposition of special fees or conditions on net metering customers and other provisions will be an enormous benefit to provide economic and legal incentives for distributed renewable energy projects.

Motion was seconded by P Cabana and passed unanimously by the governing board with little discussion, except for clarification.

Minutes of June 14- Several errors were noted in the minutes. Regarding public comment, it was agreed that the final minutes to be filed will revise the comments of C Powicki to include more accurate depiction of what he actually presented. F Fenlon noted the correction needed on the discussion and motion to end discussion. Corrected minutes will be attached to these minutes.

Intergovernmental Agreement: M Downey presented the re-written document which includes changes as requested and recommended by the board. There were a number of minor additional revisions noted by members, but several representatives were quite concerned with the extent of the changes and whether the new document did indeed include substantial changes. It became clear that further action on the document was not appropriate until we are able to address this issue with counsel.. To that end a **motion by C Striebel, seconded by J Howard to table discussion until September meeting was unanimously approved.** M Downey will have J Bernstein appear to better define the affect of the changes before the document is brought to a vote. At issue is whether it is necessary to bring the revised agreement to Selectmen or Town Meeting or if as presented, the revisions can be approved by the Board.

Energy Efficiency Program Report- K Galligan

- Announced the award of a \$1.5 million Partnership and Planning Grant to the Cape Light Compact to allow us to build on the success of the pilot New Construction, “green building” Demo project by promoting advanced building practices to reduce environmental footprint, including reducing energy costs for 50 new affordable units over the next two years. In response to a series of questions regarding the detail of the program, M Downey stated that a special meeting will be set to address this information as soon as it is available. Other town officials will be welcome to attend
- Asked each representative to save the following dates for the fall Turn- In events for 2006 – **Sept 30 in Falmouth, October 7 in Orleans and October 14 in Yarmouth.**
- The annual report for the Compact, Energy Efficiency Program will be submitted to DTE on July 13. This report has been commented upon and approved by the Energy Efficiency Committee
- J Burns updated and distributed a list of the libraries where the “ Energy Dectective” kits have been distributed. He emphasized that more kits can be made available if towns have multiple libraries To date, 26 have been distributed.
- D Fitton reported on the NEED sponsored weekend in Washington DC which was attended by many of the students and parents from the programs in Eastham, Bourne and Tisbury. It was a great reward for the hard work and learning that was accomplished over the past school year.
- As a follow up to that presentation, F Fenlon who also accompanied the group, noted the large part that D Fitton plays in the organization over the year. He also noted that K Galligan serves on the national board and asked the board to recognize his effort.

Solarize our schools D Fitton reported on the program status. There was a contractor meeting at CCCC and contract has been signed. Several photovoltaic arrays are out to construction. Those towns are Chatham, Harwich, Yarmouth, Brewster and Dennis

Power Supply Report- Maggie Downey

- Two hard copies of the Land Based Wind Task Force Report were distributed to each representative. At least one should be kept at Town Hall and perhaps a second at the library or in possession of the energy committee. B Worth who had served as chair of the Ad Hoc committee which developed the report noted that the group needs to get together within the next month to provide updated information to be distributed for each book.
- 2007 Washington Electric Coop REC’s. The Compact has completed negotiations to purchase all the REC’s we need for our 2007 supply at below penalty price levels. We remain the only power supplier which has been able to supply all the REC’s needed without penalty
- ISO-NE Uplift Charges- To date, there has been no response from ISO-NE on our request for information and possible relief mechanism. The Compact has filed with DTE requesting release of uplift information from NStar. NStar

maintains that this is confidential information. DOER agrees with the Compact in that regard

- NStar merger- Compact has been accepted as an intervenor in the case and have hired an outside consultant to develop preparation report for possible future problems associated with the merger. In response to question from R Bigelow, we have taken these actions to insure that the final makeup of the company does not bypass the need to maintain reliability on Cape, to be sure residents do not have increased rates and that data which we find necessary to market our energy conservation programs will still be available. That is not clear in the papers filed in this case

Executive Committee Report- R Mahoney

- June 27 meeting with Washington Electric Coop to discuss purchase of REC's
- June 29- Cape Cod Community College- met with contractor for the Solarize Our Schols program
- July 5 Met with Senator Morrissey relative to the Default Service Adjustment

A Loughnane- Read her letter of resignation from the Governing Board effective at our September meeting. Ms Loughnane has been a member since this group was organized.

C Koblisch- Detailed a visit he had from a power marketer who was attempting to sell him energy for a three year period for his business at a rate of 10.8 cents per KWH. Although this was a low rate, the opt out penalty would be 0.4 cents per KWH for the company's estimate of your usage up to the end of the contract.

P Cabana- Asked for ten to fifteen minutes at end of agenda for future meetings to educate people on energy efficiency issues. R Mahoney asked that handouts be prepared prior to the meetings. He also indicated that such time depended upon available agenda time.

Barry R Worth
Secretary

