

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT
Governing Board Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting: **July 13, 2005**

Attendance: R.Mahoney, Chair, M.Downey, C.Striebel, D.Keuch, B.Bigelow, K.Galligan, J.Soares, J.Burns, D.Mack, K.Johnson, A.Loughnane, P.Cabana, W.Doherty, J.Howard, R.Jones, A.Wallenstein, M.Amsler, R.Schofield, W.Worthington, J.Cunningham, F.Fenlon, R.Philbrick, J.Hohl, B.Worth

Public: C .Powicki—There were no public comments

Time: Meeting was opened at 2PM and adjourned at 417PM

Minutes: The minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting were approved after three corrections were noted and changed.

Governing Board member recognition: R Mahoney presented a certificate of appreciation and accomplishment to Don Mack, Governing Board member representing the Town of Truro who is relocating to another state.

Net metering: Megan Amsler discussed a sample letter which each board member was asked to forward to our elected legislators, either over their own signature or the signature of the town Board of Selectmen or Councilmen. M Downey will distribute the letter to each board member electronically. This is in support of a change in the maximum amount of electrical demand which can be installed and still have the energy measured on a net output to the grid basis. Currently, Mass allows only 60KW as maximum to be net metered. This is designed to make a typical 1.5MW wind turbine be included as a net metering site. New Jersey has just passed similar legislation.

Energy Efficiency Program.

- K Galligan presented the recently filed 2004 Annual Report of the CLC. This is the first report submitted. All the utilities have not yet complied. Each member was urged to read the report as it contains valuable information on our programs
- NEED youth Awards. Mr Galligan noted that Debbie Fitton is working on a forum for local teachers which will be held at Cape Cod Tech in Harwich.
- Heads up information was provided on the proposed fall turn in events just to reserve the dates. October 1 will be in Falmouth, October 8 in Orleans and October 15 in Yarmouth. These will be \$25 rebate by CLC coupled with \$25 rebate by vendor for dehumidifiers and window A/C only
- J Burns detailed the Variable Frequency Pump Drives which were installed at 5 locations in Harwich Water Department. Two more locations will be also retrofitted and studies have been completed in several other towns. These are proving to be very effective with Harwich showing savings of up to 15,000 KWH annually at one location. It was noted that savings vary due to many variables, but that as money becomes available, more towns would become part of the program.

\$48,000 has been spent in Harwich so far. It was noted that the Barnstable Water District prior to becoming a public entity had already installed these pumps. R Philbrick suggested that towns take action with their own money to accomplish this work since payback appears to be around three years.

- K Galligan also reviewed the rebate reduction letter being sent to builders to let them know that the building shell rebate will be reduced from \$1400 to \$700

Land Based Wind Turbines- The Town of Orleans has progressed to the point where it is projected that wind turbines could be constructed by end of 2006 or early 2007. There is a conflict between the MTC private Developer Model which is being proposed for Orleans and the goals of the CLC. We desire to be the purchaser of excess energy and Recs for land based wind on Cape. M Downey and R Mahoney will meet with the Orleans Wind Team to detail our concern and start the process whereby we hope to resolve difference among MTC, DOER and CLC to the benefit of all of the residents of Cape Cod

Power Supply- J Soares detailed the preparations he has been making to go out for bid at a point where he feels we are at a low point in the year as far as energy costs are concerned. Normally this happens in the early fall. We will be working with the same three power supply bidders with completed contracts, pre-approved by DTE. We will be requiring that all available renewable energy developed on Cape be included in the supplier's package. In response to question from A Loughnane, it was noted that M Downey as Chief Procurement Officer of the CLC has final authority to decide on a power supplier without further approval by the Governing Board.

Solarize our Schools- M Downey detailed our disagreement with MTC over the method to be used on Cape Cod to determine the percentage of homes agreeing to participate in CLC Green by 12/31/05. There is a significant difference between Total Household Units (THO) and Occupied Household Units (OHU), particularly on Cape Cod which has almost 60% of the unoccupied homes in the Commonwealth. The difficulties in obtaining 3% of the THO has been detailed in a memo which M Downey is forwarding to MTC, but it is apparent that MTC wants to utilize the same criteria throughout the state and may not agree to let us sign up 3% of OHU.

There was considerable discussion as to whether CLC Governing Board felt that obtaining 3% of THO would make the program one which was not possible to participate in. Consensus was that we wanted to participate in any event.

Motion by A Loughnane, second by D Mack: *The Cape Light Compact Governing Board strongly supports application of Occupied Housing Units (OHU) as the base statistic to determine 3% participation in CLC Green and supports a followup letter to MTC detailing the rationale for recommending this, based on discussion taking place at this meeting.* Motion was carried unanimously.

M Downey noted that letters have gone out to all School Committees asking to meet with them to discuss the Solarize our Schools programs. As soon as meeting dates have been established, a schedule will be forwarded to all Board Members so they may attend if

available. These meetings will be followed up with sessions with all Boards of Selectmen and the Barnstable Council to provide them with information needed to gain their support for the program.

Executive Committee Report:

R Mahoney reported on his visit to seven local legislators while he was in Boston to gain support for any effort to return the funds which the legislature has taken from the Energy Efficiency Program to fund DOER. This will be addressed, he was assured in the Supplemental Budget.

H3294- This proposed legislation is a successor to an effort undertaken two years ago to make the establishment of a municipal utility possible in the Commonwealth. Motion by A Loughnane, seconded by F Fenlon: Compact to support H3294.. After some discussion, it was agreed to table the motion for discussion at next governing board meeting.

Barry Worth, Secretary