

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Minutes of Meeting: September 14, 2005

Attendance: D O'Brien, B Worth, D Keuch, R Bigelow, B Worthington, R Schofield, F Fenlon, P Cabana, R Philbrick, K Johnson, J Hodgkinsons, A Loughnane, J Howard, M. Song, R Jones, W Doherty, C Striebel, R Mahoney, J Soares, K Galligan, D Fitton, J. Hohl, J Cunningham, M Twombly,

Members of Public present: Patrick, Mehr, Ingrid Klimoff, Chris Powicki, M att Palmer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 13, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected.

Public Comment: C Powicki reminded the group of the conference entitled *Shaping Cape Cod's Energy Future* which will be held on September 22, 2005 at Four Points Seraton in Hyannis. He suggested that attendance would be worthwhile. Cape Light Compact is one of the sponsors of this conference.

10 Year Energy Action Plan, Martha's Vineyard-Kate Warner summarized and reviewed the action plan which has been developed for the island. The goal of this action plan which was funded by MTC is to establish a renewable energy island. Better energy independence is the goal as detailed in the two page summary distributed to all participants. Ms Warner left three copies of the entire 99 page report which will be available in the office of Maggie Downey. Overall goals are as follows:

- Increase Efficiency of Existing buildings and new construction
- Increase Solar Electricity and Water Heating
- Increase Wind Power
- Utilize Biomass Resources
- Control Growth in Transportation Energy Use

The Compact was asked to help by continuing its extensive education programs, support efforts to develop efficient buildings, support an energy DCPC process for the Vineyard and to use our contacts to purchase large quantities of CFL's

Meeting with MTC relative to CLC role in Land Based Wind Turbines.-R Mahoney, M Downey and M Zielinski representing Barnstable County and the Compact met with Robert Pratt and several other representatives of MTC, working toward resolution of the issues. Orleans is pursuing a Private/Public Partnership. Orleans municipal load is currently committed to the CLC power supplier as is all municipal load on the Cape. CLC has desire to obtain excess power and RECS, but we have problems in competing in a market where we are not a "bankable entity". We asked MTC to help us in effort to become more financially bankable.

It was noted that no small wind turbine arrays work economically without either the public or private production tax credit. MTC will not backstop CLC on power purchase but will work with CLC on REC's particularly from Orleans and CCCC. MTC suggested

we obtain a financial partner. CLC will reconsider formation of a municipal cooperative to aid in these efforts. This issue will be taken up by the Power Supply committee.

Power Supply Status for 2006- J Soares reported that he and members of the Power Supply Committee are meeting with suppliers in anticipation of asking for power bids this fall.

Municipal Light Plant Legislation- H3294- K Johnson reviewed past history of attempts to pass similar legislation in past years and the current effort for this session of the legislature. Basically, the proposed bill will enable municipalities to purchase the facilities of the local distribution company utilizing a specified schedule and specified mediation from DTE. It does not create any specific municipal utilities. After passage it would be the business of any municipality or an organization such as the Cape Light Compact to determine if the procedure and the principal meets the needs of the ratepayers. To that end, the Compact was asked to support the effort by addressing three resolutions presented by K Johnson. Additional information was presented by Patrick Mehr .

There were strong sentiments expressed by several members, both in support and opposition to the proposed legislation. The Compact was asked to provide its support prior to a public hearing on this bill on Sept 20 in Boston.

- 1. Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of the Cape Light Compact believes that passage of H3294 would be in the best interests of the residents of the towns in he Compact should the occasion arise that pursuit of a public electric utility becomes advantageous, provided language of the bill calls for adequate compensation to the incumbent utility for the sale of its assets to the municipality.**

Motion by K Johnson, second by F Fenlon, passed unanimously after amended by W Doherty:

2.. Be it resolved that the board of Governors of the Cape Light Compact directs the Administrator (Maggie Downey) to send a brief letter of support for H3294 to the legislature's joint Committee on Telecommunications and Energy, prior to a public hearing Tuesday, September 20, at 10AM, Hearing Room A2, at the State House. Copy to all members of the Cape Legislative Delegation .

Motion by K Johnson, Second by F Fenlon- Motion passed with one in opposition

- 2. Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of the Cape Light Compact requests that town administrators send a brief note re-iterating the support of Cape and Island Communities for the proposed legislation currently called H3294 which would provide the towns with a more realistic option than the current wording of the relevant legislation that permits owns to pursue a public utility if it ever proved to be in their interest.**
- 3. Motion by K Johnson, Second by F Fenlon.- Unanimously rejected**

Solarize our Schools- All school committees have approved the distribution of the brochure to children to take home. Advertising on Cape radio stations will commence in late September. Meetings with Boards of Selectmen to inform them of the merits of the program will be scheduled by County Staff.

Energy Efficiency Program- Kevin Gallagan

1. Fall 2005 turn in events are on schedule. Governing board members were asked to designate the number of signs they wished for their towns to be posted in public areas. Also, an attendance list where individuals signed up to attend the three turn in events was also developed.
2. Water District VFD update. The last pumps will be in place in Harwich by Sept 22. The town has been positive and cooperative in developing this program which can be applied in other Cape towns.
3. D Fitton detailed the Energy Expo which will take place in Barnstable Schools.
4. Budget Update: 500 people are waiting for audits and about 400 are waiting for installations to take place. Demand for our program continues to be high

Energy Policy Act of 2005- Peter Cabana- It was indicated that an incorrect handout was distributed with the meeting packet. Combining this with the lateness of the hour led the chair and Mr Cabana to postpone this discussion until the October meeting. It was noted that this new law recognizes energy emergencies and that it will take us from a fossil fueled nation to one where renewables will rule.

Executive Committee Report-R Mahoney

- NPR interviews were held and broadcast this month
- On August 17, M Downey, R Mahoney testified before the Assembly of Delegates
- R Mahoney testified in Boston relative to M Patrick proposed legislation which would require all governing board members to stand for election. There is no support for this legislation from any others of the Cape Delegation.

Next meeting: October 12, 2pm

Barry R Worth, Secretary