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To: execsec@chilmarkma.gov
Cc: asstexecsec@chilmarkma.gov
Subject: Re: BOS Meeting Next Week
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:43:35 PM
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Update on Vineyard Wind project and letter of support request, see below. I've also attached the addresses for the proposed letter of support. No need to send the letter each address. We would just need one copy for our bid proposal.

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the years, Vineyard Power has made efforts to educate us and our community about the offshore wind process, both at a federal and state level, and to ensure that our concerns were communicated not only to government agencies but also to their development partner, Vineyard Wind. The first real benefit was helping to ensure that these projects would be built far off our coastline.

We are particularly supportive of Vineyard Wind's efforts to build, and base, their Operations & Maintenance facility on Martha's Vineyard, including locating a helicopter operations base in our town at the Martha's Vineyard airport. This operation, and the marine operation to be based in Tisbury, will create a skilled, well paid year-round workforce that will be a real benefit for our island and our economy.

We support their efforts to work with our regional public-school system on raising awareness and developing career paths for young island students in this new burgeoning industry. We also support their continued outreach with our local fishing community and their commitment to listen and work with our fishermen through the life of the project (pre-/during and post construction) in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to our blue economy and our local coastal and marine environments.

We are excited about the future opportunities for our town and island over the next 25 years or more.

Vineyard Wind is delivering on their commitment to ensuring an open and honest dialogue and to deliver real benefits to our community.

Best Regards,

Chilmark Board of Selectmen

Background information to help support the letter.

- Vineyard Power has begun working with Jesse Fink, John Abrams and the Island Affordable Housing in developing a long-term plan for "affordable" work force housing. These will be programs that focus on the entry level employees that are trying to enter the housing market for the first

time. More experienced workers will be able to compete in the housing market. Our initial discussions have focused on increasing rental units and receiving financial support from both private and employer supported programs.

- Vineyard Power has three years to fully staff the O&M operations. We have already begun identifying interested employees that already live here. Our goal is to have no more than 10-20% of employees live off-island as they transition to moving here.
- These jobs will pay good middle class salaries. We estimate that they will range from \$65k and up to \$100+k depending on experience. Note, these will be career opportunities, like teachers and healthcare workers, over 30-year life of these projects.
- Vineyard Power is committed to working with local fishing interest to foster cooperation for mutual benefit.
- Bay State Wind (Dong) is partnered with Eversource, a very controversial partner, who is currently advocating for reduction in solar net metering credits, and controversial pesticide spraying.
- Vineyard Wind has agreed to commit substantial funds to develop solar/storage projects around the island focused on island towns over the next 7 years. We are identifying projects that will not only reduce rates but increase resiliency for critical services: waste water treatment facilities, emergency services, water department and so forth. Vineyard Power has a good track record in solar on the island with island towns. This will build on that effort.
- Vineyard Wind has agreed to commit funds to develop an offshore wind (renewable energy) curriculum and training program at the Regional High School to develop the future workforce for the next 30 years. This program will have formal links to Bristol Community College, Massachusetts Maritime Academy and other local institutions.
- Finally, the state will pick one winner! The best winner for the Vineyard is Vineyard Wind.

From: Tim Carroll <execsec@chilmarkma.gov>
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1:14 PM
To: Erik Peckar <erik@vineyardpower.com>
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Erik

Sure

What is the request?

Tim

From: Erik Peckar [mailto:erik@vineyardpower.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:09 AM
To: execsec@chilmarkma.gov
Subject: Re: BOS Meeting Next Week

Hi Tim,

Could I put in this request now? Thanks,

Erik

From: Tim Carroll <execsec@chilmarkma.gov>
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 10:33 AM
To: Erik Peckar <erik@vineyardpower.com>
Subject: RE: BOS Meeting Next Week

This Thursday at noon Nov 30.

From: Erik Peckar [<mailto:erik@vineyardpower.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Tim Carroll
Subject: BOS Meeting Next Week

What's the latest day we can request to be on the agenda for next Tuesday's meeting? Friday?

Thanks,