



Orleans Renewable Energy / Wind Power Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting February 24, 2009

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The February 24, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWP) was Called to Order at 4:00PM in the Nauset Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members: Robert McCoy, Mary Jane Curran, and Dave Hubbard, Ken Rowell, and Victor Noerdlinger. BOS Rep. John Jannell Others present: Bob Donath, Orleans Citizens Forum, John Hodgkinson, Lou Briganti, Steve Wiehe/Michael Hanlon of Weston&Sampson Contracting firm

REWP Committee did not approved minutes for February

Old Business:

Wind Turbine Feasibility Study - Steve Wiehe of Weston&Sampson presented a summary of the Draft report of the Wind Financial Feasibility Study. The Committee was given a copy of the Draft report Steve went over the report and explained the major sections, conclusions, and methodology used. Copy available at Town Hall.

Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative - John Hogkinson presented a summary of his conclusions and evaluation of the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative By-laws and Rights & Obligations of Members. John had a handout explaining Why Orleans should join the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative for Renewable Energy Projects. All members get to vote once the Towns have joined the Cooperative. They join the original members. There is a commitment of the members at the time of a vote is made by the Board for a project. A discussion by the Committee led to a decision that the Committee can really only support the BOS in the negotiations for membership in the Coop. A copy of the handout is attached.

Pro Forma Request - This should be followed up on with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative. An additional step may be to discuss the process with Brewster as they have voted to join the Coop.

Exit 12 Cloverleave status Mary Jane Curran reported that the State had responded to the letter asking about the cloverleaves for possible wind turbine locations. The State was in the process of holding a meeting this week to discuss the concerns expressed by those involved. Some of the concerns are closeness to road, power-line across road, and strobe affect. There are many questions still to be answered about how the Green Communities Act will impact decisions. There will be another meeting next week with State Highway Officials.

Orleans Citizens Forum - The planned date for a Forum held by the Orleans Citizens Forum is April 27, 2009. Location is still not decided or OK'ed. It is planned that panelists will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of joining the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative along with other energy related topics.

Other Agenda Topics were postponed due to the late hour.

Adjourned at 6:13PM

David L. Hubbard
David L. Hubbard, Clerk