



Orleans Renewable Energy / Wind Power Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting March 10, 2009

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The March 10, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWPC) was Called to Order at 4:01PM in the Nauset Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members: Robert McCoy, Mary Jane Curran, and John Hubbard, Ken Rowell, Dick Philbrick, and Victor Noerdlinger. BOS Rep. John Jannell Others present: John Hodgkinson.

REWPC Committee did approved minutes for February 10,2009 and February 24,2009

Mary Jane Curran gave a quick summary of the CIRenew Forum at CCCC. Mary Jane mentioned that Frank Gorke of the State Division of Energy Efficiency talked on weatherization and making a home more energy efficient.

Old Business:

Allen went over the upcoming report to the BOS on March 25th. Allen proposes to talk about the report of Weston&Sampson which has been delivered to the Town. Inclusion of the BOWC on all information will be done.

John Jannell sent out a memorandum with specific dates which will need to be met for installation of a wind turbine at the watershed. John explained that items need to be entered into the Capital Improvement Plan. An item will need a 3/4 Town vote if not in the CIP for the year. John explained some of the ways the Town could finance a wind turbine which does give the Town some options.

John J. discussed some information on the Northwest 100 turbine. John handed out information on the economics and viability of the Northwest 100. It may be what will be suitable for the watershed. It will require less disturbance of ground during installation and for the road access. It may of benefit at other sites being considered also. John mentioned that grants or other funds that may be available will make the turbine more viable.

Discussion on the turbine followed.

Bob McCoy brought up the question of failure rates with turbines. What may be some of the problems encountered by the Town if failure does occur? What warranties and insurances may be available to assist if failure does happen?

John Hodgkinson spoke of his concern on the municipal model being considered. John went over his discussion of the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative and was recommending that the Committee get information to compare with the Weston&Sampson report. To date it is not a balanced consideration since really there is only one side of the story. John advised the Committee needs to receive a Pro-Forma report from Cape Light Compact to look at the comparison of a municipal or Cooperative model..

Bob McCoy made a motion for "The Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee(REWPC) will present to the Board of Selectmen the Weston&Sampson Financial Feasibility Report. The REWPC has concluded and agrees that the municipal ownership model is a viable project in the watershed. The REWPC has requested additional information from the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative to enable the REWPC to draw a comparison of the municipal ownership model with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative ownership model. The REWPC will evaluate and compare both

models before making further recommendations based on the comparison.” Mary Jane seconded the motion. Vote of the Committee was 7-0.

Because the meeting was running late, quick discussions on several items took place.

Town Energy Committee- Every one agrees that the Town needs a follow-up Committee to address future issues and possible problems that are energy-related. The Committee should be a full-time standing Committee

Energy Survey forms- The forms could be handed out at the April 27th forum sponsored by the Orleans Citizen Forum.

On March 24th, which is voting day, no Committee can meet after 4:30PM. REWP will meet at 3:00PM

Adjourned at 6:00PM

David L. Hubbard, Clerk