



Orleans Renewable Energy / Wind Power Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting March 24, 2009

The March 24, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWP) was Called to Order at 3:03PM in the Nauset Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members: Robert McCoy, Dave Hubbard, Ken Rowell, Dick Philbrick, and Victor Noerdlinger. BOS Rep. John Jannell, Lawrence Hayward, Finance Committee liaison. Others present: John Hodgkinson, Bob Donath, and Carl Freeman.

REWP Committee approved minutes for March 10, 2009 with a revision of Bob McCoy's motion. Change completed.

Old Business:

Municipal ownership Model - John J. reported on his attempts to get information from the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative(C&VEC) to compare to the report from Weston&Sampson. He had contacted C&VEC and talked with officials. The officials mentioned that the info would be of a general generic type because each project is a stand alone item. Info is specific to a project being proposed and constructed. Also monies are tight and are needed for other activities because of low current budgets.

John Hodgkinson also stated that each project stands on its own. A municipal project does not impact other projects. A community can have a municipal project and a C&VEC project too. Plenty of information may be available in the future.

John J. went over that the watershed project is a viable project. Town can change tracks as more information comes in. Recommendation of Committee can be revised as the new information becomes available.

Allen will report to the BOS on 3/25/09 on progress to date by the Committee.

Bob McCoy made a motion that the BOS should follow up on the membership with the C&VEC. The motion is "REWPC has evaluated the available information of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative. Based on their evaluation, the Committee recommends that the Town of Orleans join the C&VEC. Membership would be subject to the normal Town procedures and legal reviews" Seconded by Ken Rowell and voted on by a 6-0 vote.

Bob Donath commented that the pros and cons should be clear and stress the need to continue path to C&VEC membership.

Northwind 100 Turbine - Allen and John J. will make formal summary of the different turbines to the Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC). The comparison will be between the Northwind 100 and a turbine size of about a 660.

Orleans Citizen Forum (OCF) - Bob Donath filled the Committee in on the Orleans Citizen Forum to be held at the Orleans Elementary School on April 27th at 6:00-8:00PM. There will be five panelists discussing the Capes energy needs and what is to impact the Capes local energy costs.

There will also be a Citizens Forum in the fall pertaining to the Orleans and local energy needs.

Virtual Net Metering - Bob M. emailed Maggie Downey asking questions about net metering and how it is going to work. Bob received a reply that Maggie is working on it.

Other items on the agenda were not covered as time for adjournment was rapidly approaching. No public meetings can pass 4:30PM on Town Election Day.

Adjourned at 4:21PM

David L. Hubbard, Clerk