

## **Orleans Renewable Energy / Wind Power Committee**

## Minutes of Committee Meeting August 3, 2009

The August 3, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWPG) was called to Order at 4:01PM in the Skaket Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, May Jane Curran, Dick Philbrick, Bob McCoy, and Ken Rowell. Planning Dept. liaison John Jannell was present. Others present: Finance liaison Paul Rooker, John Hodgkinson, and Will Joy(short 1/2 hour).

REWP Committee delayed approving the minutes for the July 20, 2009 meeting till the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair Kolchinsky had a copy of the Clean Energy Now newsletter. An article by Barbara Hill was included that associated fuel costs in relation to renewable energy costs.

## Old Business:

BOS agreed to recommendations made by the Committee in its Final Report and will move it to the meeting with the Board of Water Commissioners on Sept. 2, 2009. John J. mentioned he sent a letter to Lou Briganti and recommended doing the additional work as in the Final Report. It also contained info that the REWPC is going to attend the Sept. 2 meeting. John also invited Weston&Sampson.

John also spoke to the project of the wind turbine on the watershed. The additional work could be completed with the remaining money in the Article 3 funding. Amount is approximately \$18,000.

There are also questions for the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners in relation to funding for the construction of the turbine. How to pay for it? Could it be funded through Grants or the Reserve Funds of the Water Dept? Other means??

John J. will also have the total energy load usage for the Town at the next meeting. Bob McCoy asked to check into the usage for the Tri-Town Treatment Plant and Nauset Regional School.

BOS voted 3-2 on joining the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative.(CEVC) The Town now has to pay the \$25 for joining and appoint a Director from the Town to the CEVC. There is a CEVC meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

John Hodgkinson recommended that the town ask for a Pro Forma now from the CEVC on the turbine at Site 1 on the watershed. The site needs a wind turbine whether it is a Town owned or CEVC. John H. is concerned with the RISK factor of a Town owned and still is in favor of a CEVC owned turbine. If the results of the Pro Forma are received, the whole proposal could change with new data.

Dick Philbrick brought up the past third party ownership that ended the first opportunity of a turbine. He asked that it be laid to rest. His question on whether the CEVC is a third party which will be looked into. Ken stated that isn't a Town owned turbine the primary objective on the watershed. A cost comparison of a Town owned and a CEVC owned should be completed. Data is needed???

John J. will check with John Kelly on the \$25 and the appointment of a Director. Need to keep process moving.

Important dates: Next meeting is on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the Board of Water Commissioners meet on Sept. 2 and Sept. 16 at 1:30PM

Bob McCoy opened a discussion on the differences in wind turbine capacity factors between the original Global and Beck report and the Weston&Sampson report. John J. added additional clarification and comparisons.

## Solar Trash Compactors

Mary Jane commented that the Cape Cod Community College is very happy with their purchase of compactors. Clean Energy Choice Grants are available to purchase a number of them for Orleans. Committee backs the purchase of four compactors located in the busy sections of Town. Motion by Bob McCoy and seconded by Victor with vote of 7-0-0

Exit 12 Cloverleaves No new information

The present REWPC should lobby for input on the direction and charter of the new proposed Energy Committee. Current committee has sunset date of September  $20^{th}$ .

Adjourned at 5:48PM

David L. Hubbard Clerk