

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

## Minutes of Committee Meeting August 17, 2009

The August 17, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWP) was called to Order at 3:59PM in the Skaket Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, Mary Jane Curran, Dick Philbrick, Bob McCoy, and Ken Rowell. Planning Dept. liaison John Jannell was present. Others present: None

REWP Committee approved the minutes of July 20, 2009 and August 3, 2009.

Chair Kolchinsky reminded all of the REWPC that there is a all Towns Energy Committee meeting on September 23 in Harwich at 1:00PM at the Harwich Community Center on Oak St.

Discussion on CEVC – John Kelly and the payment of the \$25 and selection of Town Director to CEVC. Brewster and Harwich are moving rapidly on the procurement of 2 wind turbines each and looking for grants: MTC, DOE, Rural Utilities Service, and others?? CEVC is spending funds to look into other financing (approximately \$33,000).

## Old Business:

Clean Energy Choice Program has over \$16,000 available for projects. John J. brought up the potential to use some of the funds for additional work as recommended in the Committee's Final Report. The decision was made to hold off until after the meeting with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on September 2, 2009. Funds left over from the Article 3 Fund may also be available to use on same work. Committee still is interested in the purchase of 2 solar compactors for the Town. Bob McCoy made a motion to rescind the decision at the last REWPC meeting on the purchase of more solar compactors. Ken R. seconded it. Motion was to: I move to rescind the motion passed by the Committee at previous meeting to purchase 4 compactors and replace it with a motion to utilize the funds for 2 compactors and the recommended additional work as recommended in the Final Report. Passed 7-0-0.

A conversation centered on the \$25 and a Director for the CEVC. Decided to hold off until a meeting in late September. Is anyone on the present Committee interested in carrying on to the new Committee??

Chair mentioned that the Committee needs a liaison from the BOS. Bob McCoy made a motion: Requests that the Chair of the REWPC meet with the Town Admin. John Kelly to appoint a liaison to the Committee if the REWPC is to be extended or to the new Energy Committee when chosen. Seconded by Victor N. Vote was 7-0-0.

Mary Jane Curren had no news on the Exit 12 Cloverleaves from the State. Committee has decided to drop the repeated calls to Steven Clarke and just hope he continues some communication with Committee in the future.

There is a Board of Water and Sewer Commissions which all on the REWPC should attend if possible. The meeting is on Sept. 2 at 1:30 in the Nauset Room at Town Hall. Committee members should review the talking points and just stick to them. John J. talked about an option available. What if the height of the wind turbine is raised to 80 meters to make the most of the site with the most efficient available machine? Bob McCoy raised the point for John J. to look into what machine and size would cover the Town usage.

Additional consulting is going to be needed and more info on the Operations and Maintenance of turbines will be required.

Why are we rushing forward with a municipal turbine model? We should continue on the municipal model track but there is nothing that stops us from looking at a CEVC route either when the information becomes available.

Committee's goal is to get the best product and deal for the Town.

Next meeting on Sept. 14, 2009 in the Skaket Room at the Town Hall

Adjourned 5:30PM

David L. Hubbard, Clerk