



Orleans Renewable Energy / Wind Power Committee

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Minutes of Committee Meeting

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The September 21, 2009 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy/Wind Power Committee (REWPC) was called to Order at 3:58PM in the Skaket Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman Allen Kolchinsky, Committee members, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, Mary Jane Curran, Bob McCoy, and Ken Rowell, and Dick Philbrick. Planning Dept. liaison John Jannell.

REWPC Committee approved the minutes of September 14th with minor editorial corrections.

Chair Kolchinsky presented differing dates on the termination date of the present REWPC. Rumor has it ending the last day of October 31, 2009. Other comments by Committee has it going into 2010.

Chair Kolchinsky also mentioned that the Cape Light Compact and area Energy Committees will meet in Harwich on October 15th. It will be at the Harwich Community Center at 1:00PM.

Old Business:

Mary Jane Curran presented a Draft of an Addendum to the Committee's Final Report. Discussion centered around suggestions for the Draft. Several additions and changes were made. It was brought up that the BOS at their last meeting is committed to the Municipal model and to keep the CVEC model as a backup. The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners also tentatively supported the Municipal model and a smaller 600KW turbine for the watershed. Bob McCoy expressed concern that the CVEC model was brought to the BOS and acted without the recommendations from the REWPC which was charged with evaluations. Bob McCoy thought that third party participation and the lack of a track record for the CVEC may have influenced decisions. Bob also suggested correspondence with the BOS to explain concerns which will be discussed at next meeting. Bob did express an opinion that members of the BOWSC did not fully understand how the finances worked and that additional explanation may assist them.

John Jannell suggested the REWPC letter to the BOS should include backup data. This should include the pro forma data on the Municipal and the CVEC model plus the recommendation for additional work as the REWPC Final Report stated. This data should be available through additional work utilizing Clear Energy Choice Funds and funds left over from Article 3. The additional work and information needed includes: updating site plan data, how to access site(s), try to get firmer numbers on costs with possible warranties of both short term and long term, risk assessments which can be operations and maintenance costs. A smaller turbine will result in less damage to sites and probably make it easier to get turbine to site(s). Lou Brigante has many questions still needing answers.

Dick Philbrick gave a short history of the Cape Light Compact and reasons for organization. CVEC was established to reduce costs to consumers

The REWPC is hoping that the BOS and BOWSC will follow the suggestions and recommendations in the REWPC Final Report.

John Jannell will combine all the comments on the Draft Addendum and attach to a pro forma. John will send emails to all committee members with the Draft and REWPC can discuss and vote on September 28th.

There is a need to check the time frame of planned actions to see what changes or adjustments need to be made. Refer recommendation to the BOS and BOWSC and support implementation to the completion of a wind turbine in the watershed.

New Business:

Dave Hubbard has set up meetings for every Monday to the end of October. These have been set up so meetings should be posted on Town website and on bulletin board at Town Hall.

Chair Kolchinsky asked the committee to come to the next meeting with a "wish list" of items each of us would have liked to see completed.

Adjourned 5:50PM

David L. Hubbard Clerk