

## **Renewable Energy Committee**

January 6th, 2010 - Minutes

**A meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.**

**Present:** Mary Jane Curran, Victor Noerdlinger, David Hubbard, Richard Philbrick, Kenneth Rowell, Christopher S. Galazzi, Jim Hungerford

**Also Present:** John Jannell, Assistant Town Planner, Board of Selectmen Liaison: Sims McGrath

**Absent:**

### **RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE - Charge/Guide for Committees and Boards**

John Jannell passed out the Committee packets assembled by the Town Administrators Office. Mr. Jannell suggested members read through the material provided.

### **Selection of Officers**

Mr. Jannell and Mr. McGrath described the process for the election of officers to all members.

On a motion by Dick Philbrick seconded by Ken Rowell, Mary Jane Curran was elected to Committee Chair by a vote of 4-0-1 (Mary Jane Curran abstained)

On a motion by Dave Hubbard, seconded by Victor Noerdlinger, Ken Rowell was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 4-0-1 (Ken Rowell abstaining).

On a motion by Ken Rowell, seconded by Mary Jane Curran, Dave Hubbard was elected clerk by a vote of 4-0-1 (Dave Hubbard abstaining).

### **Select Regular Meeting Schedule**

After some discussion the Committee agreed to meet regularly every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 4pm in the Skaket Room. Mr. Jannell agreed to post the meetings for the calendar year with the Town Clerk.

### Old Business

#### ***Update on Renewable Energy Wind Power Committee Final Recommendations:***

##### ***Municipal Wind Energy Project:***

Mr. Jannell provided the Committee with an update on the municipal wind project. Mr. Jannell further reported that he has been working with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to advance the project. The project, a municipally owned and operated 600KW wind turbine in the Orleans Watershed, is currently awaiting news on the Towns grant application from the Renewable Energy Trust. Mr. Jannell reported that the Town has requested \$570,000 in a grant award to help the project move forward. An announcement on the award should be out in late January.

##### ***Municipal Solar PV Grant Application: Orleans Council on Aging Building:***

Mr. Jannell advised the Committee on a Town grant application to install solar panels on the Council on Ageing (COA) roof. The grant application is seeking 100% funding in the sum of \$128,000 for the installation. The solar project is the recommendation of a prior Energy Committee and is seeking funding through the Department of Energy Resources ARRA grant program. If funded, the installation can save 1/3 of the energy costs at the COA location. Mr. Jannell noted news on the Orleans grant application should be out in late January and he will notify the Committee of an award.

Other business: Dick Philbrick handed out a packet on "Sustainable Future" that was in the Scientific American on possible solutions to the "Climate Warming" issue.

### New business

none

### Correspondence

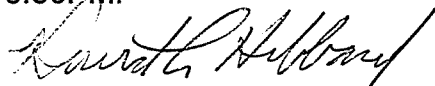
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### Approval of Minutes

none

### Adjourn

On a motion by Dave Hubbard seconded by Dick Philbrick the Committee adjourned @ 5:50PM.



David L. Hubbard, Clerk