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## **Renewable Energy Committee**

July 6, 2010 - Minutes

**A meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee was called to order at 4:01PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall by Chair Mary Jane Curran.**

**Present:** Ken Rowell, Victor Noerdlinger, David Hubbard, Dick Philbrick, Jim Hungerford, Chris Galazzi, John Jannell, Planning Dept. Liaison, Paul Rooker, Finance Committee Liaison,

**Absent:** Sims McGrath, BOS liaison.

Questions for Regional Green Communities Coordinator - John J. started the discussion of questions the Committee will ask the Regional Coordinator Seth Pickering at the Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. John plans on sending the questions to Seth so he has a chance to review them prior to the meeting. Good Job John!!! Handout of the questions gave the Committee the chance to review the questions too. There were no new questions from the Committee. Committee should ask Seth for other info on the Green Communities Act and how it might affect the Town of Orleans. Committee should follow the progress of Mashpee, the only Green Community on the Cape. John J. mentioned that the Committee is due to submit a report to the BOS as soon as possible.

### **Wind Energy Siting Reform Act**

- a) Mary Jane C. mentioned there are many communications flying back and forth regarding the Act. Many municipalities have major concerns over the intent of the Act. Mary Jane gave a background of the Act. The Senate version of the bill has passed and the House Committee on Ways and Means released its version in May. There are differences between the two version. Our Committee should stay on top of the developments of the bill. Members should read the handout materials provided.
- b) Handouts with concerns of other Towns about the Siting Reform Act.

### **Old Business -**

- a) COA Solar Project - Project is moving ahead with a check arriving from the State. John J. mentioned the bids should be out by the end of July with a short week or 10 day opening.
- b) Mary Jane explained the organization and mission of CIWIN (Cape and Islands Wind Information Network). Falmouth meeting held on noise levels and effect on individuals. A video of interviews of individuals living near turbines in Portsmouth,

Rhode Island and in Hull, MA was shown during the meeting followed by a discussion of the effects of turbine noise on different people. M.J. mentioned that the meeting was very productive. Dick Philbrick brought up the status of turbines in the National Seashore. Groups opposing any turbines on the National Seashore will appear at the meeting to be held in July at the Seashore.

- c) Jim Hungerford led a discussion on the status of the wind data he and Ken collected at the MMA and the MMR. A release from MMA and Camp Edwards should be obtained before the release of the information. The Committee will continue to discuss this matter
- d) Noise as a concern has become a factor in all current and future wind turbine projects
- e) Chris G. gave a short summary of his course for accreditation for ISO.

No New Business.

No correspondence

Discussion of minutes from 6-15-10 included revisions. Motion by Ken R. and seconded by Jim H. to review and approve minutes at the next meeting on 7-20-10.

Motion to adjourn at 5:46PM by Ken Rowell and seconded by Victor Noerdlinger. Vote was 7-0-0



David L. Hubbard, Clerk

#### Attachments

- 1. Questions for Regional Green Communities Coordinator.
- 2a. Summary of Wind Energy Siting Reform Act.
- 2b. Letters to Town of Orleans from Mt. Washington, Massachusetts.
- 3. Minutes of June 15 meeting.