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Renewable Energy Committee

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A meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee was called to order at 4:00PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall by Chair Mary Jane Curran.

Present: Mary Jane Curran, Victor Noerdlinger, David Hubbard, Dick Philbrick, Jim Hungerford; John Jannell, Planning Dept. liaison.

Absent: Ken Rowell, Chris Galazzi, Sims McGrath, BOS liaison, and Paul Rooker, Finance Committee liaison

Energy Reduction Plan; John Jannell, Ken Rowell, and Jim Hungerford met to work on direction to take with the Energy Reduction Plan(ERP). John J. is trying to decide which year to use as a base year for the plan. John handed out a chart which had information back to 2007. Data for 2007 was not complete so John had reservation with the information so he deleted it. Using the year 2008 would reduce the Town's usage by 6%. This would require the Town to look for means to reduce energy usage by another 14% to meet the goal of the State level of 20%. Jim Hungerford made a motion to make 2008 the base year for starting the ERP. Victor Noerdlinger seconded the motion. The motion passed by 5-0-0

John Jannell informed the Committee that he is leaving the Planning Dept. and moving to the Conservation Dept. This will require more time to familiarize himself with the new position. John plans on assisting as he can. What will be the next step for the Committee with John leaving? John informed the Committee that Planning Assistance money may be available to assist Town's in the developing of ERP's.

John J. and Mary Jane Curran discussed the motor vehicles and the need to reduce usage for the Town's Vehicles. Development of the vehicle ERP will be put off to a future date.

Council on Aging; John J. reported the project to install the solar panels on the COA building is moving along and forward. The start date has been pushed back to early December but the project should only take about 6 weeks to finish according to the Contractor who is familiar with the process. A ceremony should be held when the switch is flipped.

Ground Mounted Solar Panels: John reported on the process being pursued by the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative(CVEC) for ground mounted solar panels on capped landfills on the Cape. Orleans is not ready for the first round of inventory.

Orleans can apply for a second phase after the first of the 2011. Orleans landfill is rounded and therefore may not meet the requirements for ground mounted panels. Orleans should make the application for the second round. Dick Philbrick asked about the possibilities at the watershed. Is there an opportunity? Same problem that canceled the very first round of wind turbines for the watershed may be roadblock for this project. It would be a third party ownership and whether the Water and Sewer Board will accept those terms is in the future. John Hodgkinson will be invited to the December 7 meeting.

Old Business: The combined meeting of Energy Committee's on October 22 was a success. Everyone felt that it was worthwhile.

Correspondence: Mary Jane C. mentioned that Steve Clarke called. He said with the election over the Mass. Highway Dept. is going to start a survey of cloverleaves for suitability for wind turbines.

Brewster has received a Special Permit for the construction of the wind turbines planned for Brewster. Permit was granted to CVEC.

Minutes of October 5 needed minor revisions and will reviewed again on December 7

Victor Noerdlinger handed out an article on another style turbine planned for Abu Dhabi.

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned at 5:05PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Hubbard".

David L. Hubbard Clerk