

Renewable Energy Committee September 20, 2011 - Minutes

Mary Jane Curran called the September 6, 2011 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:02PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Victor Noerdlinger, Jim Hungerford, David Hubbard, Richard Philbrick, Mary Jane Curran.

Absent; Chris Galazzi, John Jannell, Conservation Dept.; Sims McGrath, BOS liaison; Paul Rooker, Finance Committee liaison.

Mary Jane Curran opened the meeting by saying Chris Galazzi will not be present. Also Dave Able is interested in being on the Committee. He will go before the Board of Selectmen(BOS) tomorrow night. Mary Jane hopes Dave is approved, he will be able to make the meeting on October 4. He may have conflicts with other meeting on Tuesdays.

Old Business:Mary Jane mentioned she had some posters made for the upcoming event at the Snow Library on September 28. We will make list of locations for posting at end of meeting. All is in pretty good shape for the event with vendors notified. Chris Powicki from Cape and Islands renew is assisting. Event will be on the Wednesday September 28th from 6:30 - 8:00PM

The Orleans Elementary School(OES) is very interested in energy education. Debbie Fitton met with Christine Twombly (retired science teacher and Orleans resident) and Diane Carreiro, Principal. The school is ready to start another energy program this fall. They would appreciate the Committee's support.

The plan for the October Snow Library display is progressing. Pictures are being collected and labels with have to be made for the display. The

display can be set up on either September 30th or October 3rd. Ken Rowell has a pictures of the installation of panels on the Council on Aging. Dave Hubbard took pictures of Bird Watcher's solar array and the solar panel array at the Wellfleet Audubon Sanctuary. Pictures of wind turbines are also needed. All pictures should be 5 X 7 inches to be consistent and show good content. There will be a sub-committee meeting at Hubbard's residence at 4 PM on Tuesday, the 27th to finalize display.

New Business:

Mary Jane informed the committee that the Town's CVEC(Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative) RFP(Request for Proposal) for a municipal solar installation is on the street for bids. The Town is just waiting to see if it is chosen. Liz Argo completed a review of potential Orleans sites and they have all been included in the RFP. All other proposals for privately funded projects are off the table at this time until a decision is made by CVEC.

The Nauset Regional High School is eligible for State money ("green roofs") to modernize the school's roof and windows. The project will make the school much more energy efficient as well open the possibility for solar panels on a new roof. The proposal has been put forth to all the Towns within the District. A pass vote is needed by all Towns to have the project accepted. Orleans will vote on October 17th at a special Town meeting.

There was no correspondence.

The minutes of September 6th were approved with several minor spelling errors and word changes. Vote was 5-0-0

Comment by Dick Philbrick on Op Ed article on Cape Wind by EricTurkington that appeared in the Cape Cod Times today.on the Cape Wind project today.

Jim Hungerford mentioned that good information about the wind turbine industry can be read in the magazine "Ocean News".

Adjourned at 5:18PM

David L, Hubbard, Clerk