



Renewable Energy Committee  
March 22, 2012 - Minutes

Mary Jane Curran called the meeting of March 22, 2012 of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:04PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Victor Noerdlinger, David Hubbard, Mary Jane Curran, David Abel, Paul Rooker, Finance Com. liaison, Jim Hungerford.

Absent: Dick Philbrick, Chris Galazzi, Sims McGrath, BOS, John Jannell, Conservation agent.

Chair Mary Jane Curran opened the meeting with an update on the proposed CVEC solar project in Orleans. Mary Jane mentioned that she and Chris Galazzi went to a Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting yesterday, March 21. John Jannell spoke on the 3.5-acre parcel of land in the watershed. The presentation gave the BOWSC information on what the project entailed and what was needed for the project to proceed. The BOWSC discussed the project so all present would understand the current status and what was needed in the future. The requirement of Article 97 relief is the main hindrance to an immediate CVEC project development. Power from the solar project will be used to help with the power demands at the water treatment plant. Since the project requires a lease for 20 years, the BOWSC must apply for the relief from Article 97. The BOWSC supports the proposal and did vote (4-0) to support the project.

Mary Jane moved on to the list of questions submitted by the REC to John J. who then passed them on to Maggie Downey of CVEC. A hand out listed the questions and the answers supplied by CVEC. The questions and answers will give the Board of Selectmen more information to base their decision about the project. Since CVEC will probably not be available to

talk with the BOS, this information will add to the information base. Also John Jannell and Sims McGrath will be able to inform the BOS of the project's benefits and possible problems.

Discussion moved to the proposed Articles for the Town Meeting Warrant in May. REC will recommend that three Articles would be presented.

At the Special Town Meeting:

Article XX would authorize the BOS to proceed with the preparation of a request for proposals for solar energy projects or take any other action relative thereto.

**This could give the Town financial information to the CVEC model**

At the regular Town Meeting:

Article (??) would authorize the BOS to seek relief from Article 97 for 3.5 acres of watershed property for a solar project.

Article (??) would authorize the BOS to pursue the CVEC project on 1.7 acres of the town's landfill.

There was much discussion on the pro's and cons of the CVEC project. Dave Abel proposed a "**motion to support the three Articles described above for the Orleans May 2012 Town Meeting Warrants. In addition we would forward the questions developed by the REC and answered by CVEC to the BOS and voice our recommendation to wait until an RFP is written, advertised, and awarded so a financial comparison can be made with the CVEC project before signing such a contract.**" Victor N seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion followed and a vote was taken. There was a 3-1 vote in favor of the motion. Mary Jane asked Dave Abel to get a write up a memo that would describe our concerns. Mary Jane will then send this memo along with the recommended Articles to John Kelly.

The minutes of the 3-8-12 meeting were approved without change and the minutes of the 3-15-12 meeting were approved with the addition of Jim Hungerford being present.

Adjourned at 5:43PM David L. Hubbard, Clerk

