



Renewable Energy Committee
May 10, 2012 - Minutes

Mary Jane Curran called the meeting of May 10, 2012 of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:03PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Mary Jane Curran, Dick Philbrick, David Hubbard, Jim Hungerford, David Abel, Paul Rooker, Finance Com. liaison.
Absent: Victor Noerdlinger,, Chris Galazzi, Sims McGrath, BOS, John Jannell, Conservation agent.

Chair Mary Jane Curran opened the meeting with a request for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting. Approved with 5-0-0 vote. Chair commented that the Town meeting on Monday, May 7th passed both Warrant Articles pertaining to renewable energy projects. One authorized the Board of Selectmen ((BOS) to negotiate with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative(CVEC) on the Transfer Station solar panel installation and one located in the Orleans watershed. The other article would allow the BOS to prepare a separate Request for Proposal (RFP) for advertising on the site within the watershed for a solar panel installation. Discussion then centered on the relationship between the Cape Light Compact(CLC) and CVEC. Recently there has been public comments on this issue. Mary Jane Curran and Dick Philbrick attended a February meeting of Assembly of Delegates subcommittee where many of the concerned public attended only to learn that it was not a public hearing so many attendees left the meeting very dissatisfied. Mary Jane commented that the County has no control of CLC or CVEC because they report to the State. The final sub-committee report was recently made public. Paul Rooker mentioned that the Finance Committee had previously supported Article 36 but due to the recent negative subcommittee report, they voted unanimously to withhold support until the full Assembly meets in June to

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decide the next steps for this report. Jim H. commented on the CVEC's inability to complete projects such as the failed Brewster wind turbine project.

David Abel asked that OREC press the BOS to make the issuing of a RFP a priority for the designated site on the watershed of 3.5 acres. Discussion followed on the need that a survey of this land be completed so that an Article 97 relief request could be submitted to the State for the watershed site. We agreed that the selection of a consultant/engineer to prepare the RFP should commence immediately. Both of these steps could be done simultaneously. Dave A. recommended that Orleans ask CVEC about a first option to buy the solar installation at some designated date. Orleans should be given the first option to buy the system.

Dave H. offered an option to also consider the open area around the water treatment site for another solar project. Since most of this area has been cleared in the past, it would be easier to install an additional project there. Would the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners (BOWSC) be open to the option to include this area in an Article 97 relief request? Can multiple sites be considered? Each site has to be specific in the request so additional sites should be considered.

Dave Abel suggested a memo to the BOS on the status of the watershed and a RFP. A motion was offered and seconded to send a memo to the BOS that stated:

"The OREC recommends that the Board of Selectmen proceed on the process of requesting relief from Article 97 for the watershed designated 3.5 acre parcel and consider the cleared area around the treatment plant as well in this request for the installation of solar panels. Also to have the Board of Selectmen proceed with the selection of a consultant/engineer to prepare an RFP advertising for bids on the above designated parcels of land." The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Another motion was offered to the BOS.

"A recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to negotiate with CVEC to give the Town of Orleans the first option to purchase the solar panel installations at the Transfer Station and the watershed sites at a predetermined date." Motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Minutes of the April 12th meeting were approved with a 5-0-0 vote.

Adjourned at 5:25PM David L. Hubbard Clerk