

## Renewable Energy Committee May 24, 2012 - Minutes

Jim Hungerford called the meeting of May 24, 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: Jim Hungerford, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, Dave Abel, Dick Philbrick.

Absent: Mary Jane Curran, Chris Galazzi, John Jannell, Conservation liaison, Paul Rooker, Finance Committee liaison, and Sims McGrath, BOS liaison.

Jim Hungerford began meeting by discussion of the May 22 BOS meeting. Victor N. attended and commented that the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative(CVEC) was pushed forward except more study was requested for the solar panels at the transfer station. Victor felt that someone was sort of "holding the project back". Still felt it was a positive meeting. Jim read a memo from John Jannell with info that the BOS did sign the agreement with CVEC and CVEC did agree to three requests:

- 1. Orleans will be offered the right of purchase in milestone years of 7, 10, 12, and 15
- 2. The Defaults and Remedies clause in the PSA will be modified to Orleans Town Counsels satisfaction. Final language will done there.
- 3. The final executed copy of the Energy Management Services Agreement(EMS) will be presented to the Town prior to the signing of the PSA and PDA.

Other info is that the BOS will submit request for Article 97 relief for two parcels, one around the treatment plant and the other parcel located by the Transfer Station. The BOS has not moved forward to locate/hire a

consultant or Engineer to began writing an RFP for solar panel installation on the parcels.

Jim H. asked about the possibility of having a variety of companies submit proposals for the solar projects on the two parcels.

Dave Abel handed out information from the Cadmus Group to the committee members to read. He commented that the Cadmus Group may have more flexibility in projects. Dave also mentioned information on a DOER program that could supply grants to towns to assist them on energy projects. Maximum grants are \$10,000.

Jim H. commented that the Town may be holding back to see what events occur with the Article 97 request. "Holding Back"?

Dick Philbrick gave a short history of Cape Light Compact and CVEC.

Victor Noerdlinger presented a motion "That the OREC propose sending the informational packet from the Cadmus Group to the BOS and John Kelly to consider contacting the Cadmus Group for the purpose of consulting services for the Orleans solar projects", seconded by Dave Abel. The vote was 5-0-0 in favor. Along with the packet, the OREC requests that the Committee receives an update on the progress of the CVEC projects and Article 97 on a regular basis.

Minutes of 5-10-12 approved by 4-0-1

Adjourned at 5:04PM

David L. Hubbard Clerk