



Renewable Energy Committee
July 12, 2012 - Minutes

Vice Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of July 12, 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: Jim Hungerford, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, Dick Philbrick, David Abel.

Absent: John Jannell, Conservation liaison, Sims McGrath, BOS liaison, Paul Rooker, Finance Committee liaison.

Vice Chair opened the meeting by asking those present to consider the reorganization of the Committee by proposing those for a new Chair, Vice Chair, and clerk. David Abel nominated Jim Hungerford for the new Chair, with Victor Noerdlinger seconding. The vote was 5-0-0 for Jim H. to assume the Chair. Dave Hubbard asked Victor N. if he would assume the Vice Chair but Victor declined. Jim Hungerford nominated Chris Galazzi as Vice Chair on the condition that Chris is elevated to a full member by the BOS at their next meeting. Vote was 5-0-0. David Abel nominated Dave Hubbard as Clerk with a Dick Philbrick second. Vote was 5-0-0.

Jim Hungerford as new Chair had talked with John Jannell about progress on the CVEC project at the Transfer Station. John J. mentioned that no changes have occurred. John J. did comment that the Board of Health will be involved as well as other Town and State agencies. The survey has started and other steps as well. It could be 6 months before any real progress has occurred.

Chair mentioned that Marge Astle is looking and asking for new candidates for the OREC to fill the opening created by the leaving of Mary Jane

Curran. If any of the Committee know of interested parties, please have them contact Marge Astle.

Chair commented that John Jannell will attend meetings as possible but because of Johns busy schedule, John cannot commit to being there very often during the summer. Chair mentioned that he will try to meet with John before each meeting to get updates.

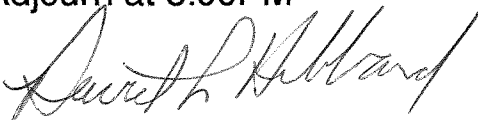
David Abel asked about the past wind projects proposed in Orleans and there was discussion on subject with Victor giving his experience during the process. The question of a possible tour of the watershed was raised and everyone agreed that it might be of value. Dick Philbrick brought up the need to not just limit the wind projects to the watershed.

Jim H. gave a short commentary on the wind turbines in Falmouth, MA. "As a result of his many contacts in the Acoustic consulting business, he has some insight into the noise issues being raised in Falmouth." The State of Massachusetts, "although they have established the +10dBA limit max over ambient for audible sound pressure levels, they have not established a recommended setback distance to minimize or eliminate the sound disturbances caused by wind turbines."

Jim H. mentioned contact with Cape Light Compact(CLC) and their request for a presentation to the Committee on what is available through CLC for homeowners. Committee should ask John J. and Sims McGrath to attend.

Dave Hubbard commented on the old survey from previous committee to ask Orleans residents about the interest in renewable projects and energy saving programs. Item for next meeting?

Adjourn at 5:00PM

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

David L. Hubbard, Clerk

