



Renewable Energy Committee
September 13, 2012 - Minutes

Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of September 13, 2012 of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:05PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

K. Delany, Ass't
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Present: Jim Hungerford, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger, David Abel, Chris Galazzi, Sims McGrath, BOS liaison; and Paul Rooker, Finance Com. liaison.

Also present were visitors Ken Rowell, Mary Jane Curran, Kevin Gallagin, and Maggie Downey of Cape Light Compact.

Absent: Dick Phickbrick. John Jannell, Conservation liaison.

Chair Jim Hungerford opened the meeting with an update on the solar projects. The landfill project is moving along with a timeframe of about 4-6 months. Mentioned that the net metering cap has been increased and John Jannell will send details. CVEC is interested in pursuing Article 97 properties in these towns; Sandwich - town meeting required approval: Yarmouth - the town needs to approve: Orleans - only BOS needs to approve.

Orleans and CVEC need to re-negotiate of the PPA because the previous date has expired.

Watershed solar site; The survey is almost complete with John J. seeing the draft. The MEPA form is no longer required. When the survey is complete, John J. will issue memo to the BOS with CC to Water and Sewer Commissioners and OREC for review and approval.

The BOS will have to decide on whether CVEC or a third party to do the construction on the watershed property. Funds have been

approved(\$25.000) at the spring Town Meeting for the preparation of a RFP(request for proposals). The decision would have to be made by February 2013 to go third party. Another town meeting approval would be required if a decision for third party contract is made. Town Council or CVEC will petition the legislature for the Article 97 relief.

There will be a meeting on September 24 on Open Meeting requirements.

One of the main topics during this meeting will be a presentation by John Kelly on the "committee guide and committee charge". The OREC should pay very close attention to this presentation, since some of our activities during the past year may have "been interpreted by some members of the town administration" to have exceeded our charge ?

Cape Light Compact Report by Maggie Downey and Kevin Gallagin:
Maggie Downey explained the proposed 3 year plan of 2013-15 of the Cape Light Compact. Through a series of slides in a handout, Maggie gave an overview of background; residential and low income programs; Commercial and industrial programs; proposed budget totals, the next steps to take. Maggie and Kevin wanted to make the OREC aware of the multitude of programs available to the residential and commercial customers(handout with minutes). One program discussed was the initiative of installation of LED street lighting in a number of towns including Orleans. The residential area being tested is on Monument Road and the Commercial is on Rt 6A and Main street. It is a 30 day test for evaluation of the lights.

Much discussion on the current Audit program and it's benefits. Also on the benefits of becoming a Green Community. Jim is going to check with building Dept./inspectors on the stricter building requirements under the Green Community.

No minutes to approve.

Adjourned at 5:40PM

David L. Hubbard, clerk

