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Renewable Energy Committee

March 8, 2012 - Minutes

Mary Jane Curran called the meeting of March 8, 2012 of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:02PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Victor Noerdlinger, Mary Jane Curran, Chris Galazzi, David Abel, Jim Hungerford, John Jannell, Conservation, liaison, Paul Rooker, Finance Com. liaison, and Patrick Cassidy - Cape Cod Times

Absent: Dick Philbrick, David Hubbard, Sims McGrath, BOS

Mary Jane opened the meeting at 4:02 PM and handed out copies of the Orleans Water Department electric bill. The Water Department is the largest user of electricity in the town. Solar panels in the watershed would relieve this expense.

John Jannell handed out copies of the following documents prepared by CVEC:

Orleans 1.7-acre Landfill spreadsheet

Working Draft 3-2-12 Project Development Agreement

Working Draft 3-2-12 Net Metering Power Sales Agreement

The CVEC documents are "pretty standard" with some new items included. John reported that CVEC thinks the Tier 2 watershed site is too complicated due to "article 97" issues and will not develop these.

CVEC may be asked to make a presentation to the BOS on either 3/21 or 3/28 regarding the potential CVEC project. John asked the OREC to provide him with any questions that we might have so that Maggie Downey would have such questions prior to such a meeting.

CVEC will be conducting a press conference on 3/29 to announce the selection of Broadway Electric Co as the chosen contractor for "all" of the PV Solar projects. About `5 towns will be involved in this round of projects.

A question was asked whether Orleans should pursue the development of the watershed site with a 3rd party?

ORE needs to meet with the Water Commissioners about initiating such a project since relief from article 97 would be necessary. This process could take 1-2 years.

John "may ask" CVEC if they want to initiate the article 97 approval discussions with the state for multiple properties that need relief from Article 97. Mary Jane asked if the state of MA could consider "issuing a generic approval" for any towns that have an article 97 issue.

There could be four articles presented in the warrant for the town meeting to be held in May.


- 1, For the Special Town meeting: an article to authorize the BOS to proceed with an RFP for solar energy projects or take any other action relative thereto.
2. For the Main Town Meeting: an article to authorize the BOS to proceed with the CVEC project on 1.7 acres in the Landfill
3. For the Main Town Meeting: an article to authorize the BOS to proceed with a 3rd party to develop the 3.5-acre Watershed site
4. For the Main Town Meeting: an article to authorize the BOS to proceed to seek relief from Article 97 in order to develop the 3.5-acre site in the Watershed.

There were lots of other questions and comments relative to the "pro forma" figures prepared by CVEC.

Mary Jane will call another short meeting on March 15th to discuss and approve "some potential negotiating points" to present to John Jannell and the BOS.

Meeting notes of 2/23/12 approved 5-0
Meeting adjourned at 5:28PM

Jim Hungerford acting Clerk



David L. Hungerford
Clerk