



Orleans Renewable Energy Committee
June 13, 2013 – Minutes -JH

Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of June 13, 2013 of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:06PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Jim Hungerford, Dave Hubbard, Victor Noerdlinger. Paul Rooker, Finance Com. Liaison. Interested public, Paul Cass.

Absent: Dick Philbrick, Chris Galazzi, David Abel, Liaisons John Jannell, Conservation; and Sims McGrath, BOS.

Chair Jim Hungerford opened the meeting by congratulating Sims McGrath on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen. He then reviewed the status of the members. Dick Philbrick has agreed to become an associate member, Victor Noerdlinger will serve another full term of 3 years, David Abel will become a full new member for 3 years, and Paul Cass will become an associate member for a 3 year term.

Chair gave a short update on the status of renewable energy in the State of Massachusetts. Summarized a report that explained goals set by Governor Patrick for solar and wind projects. Has met the solar goal but has fallen short on the wind energy projects.

Chair explained a computer, excel spreadsheet, which has been prepared by the Department of Environment Resources(DOER). This spreadsheet is called the "Solar Carveout" and contains 5,999 solar projects within the State. DOER will periodically update information within the spreadsheet. Orleans has three projects on list.

Jim went over a question that was raised by Blue Wave Capital involving Zone "1" areas around well heads and what is allowed. Jim has discussed

with Andrew Wade of My Generation and is drafting a letter to DEP Brian Dudley for clarification on what is allowed with in the zone.

Jim went over the article in the Cape Cod Times on the solar ventures by CVEC and Broadway Electric which received \$120M in funding. Questions were asked to John Jannell and Ron Collins on the current status of Orleans projects. Jim also asked John and Ron about the possibility of Orleans joining other cape towns in a combined effort to build a larger solar farm. Any participating towns would be able enjoy "virtual net metering credits". Blue Wave is in the process of building a 6MW solar farm in Plymouth MA.

Jim is still researching the possibility of getting at least two budgetary estimates for the solar project at the water treatment plant.

Would David Abel be willing to supply committee with one ?

There will be a Climate Caucus held at the Cape Cod Community College on 6-17-2013 from 5:30-9:00PM. Intent is for many cape energy committee members to attend.

The minutes of 5-9-2013 were approved with the correction of one spelling error by 3-0-0.

Motion to adjourn at 5:54PM

David L. Hubbard, clerk