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**Orleans Renewable Energy Committee***C May***August 8, 2013  
Minutes**

Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:02 in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

Present: Victor Noerdlinger, Jim Hungerford, Paul Cass, David Abel

Liaison Representatives: Board of Selectman: Jon Fuller

Absent: Dick Philbrick, Chris Galazzi, David Hubbard, Liaison Paul Rooker

Chair opened the meeting with a discussion of the (2) waterheads, which are in Zone One on the 1.62 acre watershed site. This will require that we contact the DEP and request clearance to construct Solar PV Panels on this site. OREC should send a letter to Brian Dudley with a brief description of our proposed project. Jon Fuller commented that the DEP has already approved Article 97 Relief for the watershed site, although it was for the previous wind turbine project at a different site within the watershed.

Jim thanked Selectman Jon R. Fuller for attending the meeting and asked Jon to again give comments on the agenda as well as all procedural matters.

The film "Switch" (about all renewable energy) was again discussed. OREC will contact the Orleans library and try to obtain a copy for viewing by town. It may also be possible to broadcast the film on Lower Cape TV.

Copies of all letters should be sent to the appropriate town depts, especially if the town logo is used.

OREC will pursue setting up a visit to the "proposed solar site", previously requested by Dave Dunford of the BOS. Jon Fuller will bring this subject up at the next BOS meeting and hopefully arrive at some possible dates?

Jon Fuller, also mentioned that written approval letters should be sent to all "involved departments", when issues are resolved. Do not use emails for this purpose.

It was mentioned that all energy produced in the watershed site must be used for water production. This is a requirement of Article 97.

The Cape Cod Times reported that \$120 million of funding was "probable" and can be used by CVEC and Broadway Electric for the phase two projects.

CVEC is only interested in the landfill project in Orleans for their phase two projects.

Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

(p): Materials distributed with meeting packet.

(m): Materials distributed at meeting.

Jim mentioned that it may be time to send out "budgetary RFIs" ( requests for information) to interested Solar Installers for our Watershed project. A list of possible installers may include: Trinity Co, My Generation Energy, Durango Co, E2 Solar and others.

Since the price for SRECs is constantly changing, Solar installers are also changing the way they finance projects. Orleans may have multiple approaches to financing our project. This information will become useful when the town issues formal RFPs.

Jim mentioned that we do have copies of "the various bid documents" used by Brewster, when they built their Brewster Solar Garden. During the ORL town meeting in 2012, a sum of \$ 25K was approved to hire a consultant to develop a proposal for our watershed project. This expense may not be required.

Deval Patrick, recently made a statement that our state energy goals were ahead of plan and may be increased.

We "briefly discussed" the number of monthly meetings and the starting times, in order to allow some members to attend more often. This will be talked about and voted on at the next meeting.

The US BOEM ( Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) has begun selling leases for offshore energy development sites. These sites are located South and East of MA and are beyond the 3 mile limits.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved 3-0-1 with Dave Abel abstaining.

A motion to adjourn was approved 3-0-0 at 5:02

Adjourned

 Acting Clerk