

## **Orleans Renewable Energy Committee**

## May 8, 2014 Minutes

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Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 5:03 in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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

Liaison Representatives: Jon Fuller, Paul Rooker

Absent: Chris Galazzi

There was continuing discussion about the "terms and conditions" of the Municipal Offtaker Proposal being offered by CVEC. Here are some of the issues that were discussed:

Why was CVEC the only organization, who supplied a proposal?

The 20 year term of the contract is not attractive? Orleans would like some opt outs?

We need some clarity on the number of kWh that Orleans will commit to?

The chair recommended that the OREC members send a list of any additional comments and issues to David Abel, who will then forward to the chair.

Jim has agreed to write an email to the BOS with our concerns (OREC vote was 4-0-0). This email was sent on 5/12/14. Sims McGrath responded and mentioned that the BOS members may change after the town election. John Kelly has also responded and mentioned that the earliest BOS meeting to further discuss this proposal, would be 6/4/14.

Jim mentioned that he will be presenting the Summary of Article 5 at the Special Town Meeting. In addition to some back ground on OREC investigations on Solar Energy, this proposal will include three key issues:

The town will not need to provide any funding.

No land in Orleans will be used for the "offtaker proposal".

No additional permitting will be required.

The chair gave a brief update on the Capped Landfill Project. There is "concern by some" that this project will not be finished by 8/29/14......to qualify for cost incentives.

Paul Cass mentioned that we have received approval from Arcos Films (the developer of the Switch film) to show the film on Lower Cape TV. The license fee for this approval was \$40.00. The first showing will be on Sat 5/17/14 at 10:00PM

Jim has contacted CVEC and was told that CVEC has completed their negotiations with the "host towns" and has them under contract to broker their excess Net Metering Credits to "off taker towns". The term of the CVEC contract with the "host towns" was reported to be 20 years.

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The minutes from 4-24-14 were approved by a vote of 3-0-1

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM by a vote of 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hungerford (acting secy)