



Orleans Renewable Energy Committee

June 26, 2014
Minutes

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

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Chair Jim Hungerford called the meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 5:06 in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

Present: Paul Cass (PC), Victor Noerdlinger, Jim Hungerford (JH)

Liaison Representatives: Jon Fuller, Paul Rooker

Orleans Resident: Kevin Galligan (KG)

CVEC Program Mgr: Liz Argo (LA)

Absent: David Abel

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:

(JH) the 20 year term of the contract is not attractive to Orleans ?

(LA) The host towns need a long term commitment. Most "offtaker towns" have accepted the 20 yr commitment. Some have complained. The 20 year term is not negotiable.

Orleans has been granted an extension for the signed PSA until after the BOS meeting on 7/2/14. 7/3/14 in the AM would be acceptable to CVEC.

Orleans has asked for a 500K kWh NMC allotment. CVEC can only offer a 250K kWh commitment at this time. (LA) CVEC will be looking for more kWh to provide to all of the oftaker towns. There is no guarantee or time frame on this offer. With the lower kWh offer, Orleans yearly NMC amount drops to about \$17500.

(KG) commented that this is still a good deal for Orleans.....especially over a 20 year period.

(JH) has requested a change in the PSA pertaining to the kWh amount. Orleans will need to decide if they want to stay with the original 500K kWh or drop to 250K kWh ?

(JH) asked about the possibility of CVEC going out of business ? (LA) commented that the PSA is with the individual "host towns" not CVEC. OREC thinks that this is incorrect. TBD

(PC) Mentioned that MA changes some of its "energy related rules" a lot more frequently than every 20 years. (LA) commented that CVEC will try to accommodate any of these changes.

(LA) mentioned that the legal costs of administering LOI and PSAs are going up. Orleans should consider this, when and if, we decide to develop our own Renewable Energy project in the future.

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.

(JH) made the following motion.....Based upon the previous comments from CVEC and OREC, does the committee want to proceed with the modified PSA for the 20 year period, and including up to 500K kWh of NMC? The vote was 2-1-0

In either case, under the CVEC contract, Orleans is allowed to investigate and build its own Renewable Energy project, provided the total kWh of the new project plus the capped landfill project and the CVEC offtaker NMC.....do not exceed our present municipal load of 1.6 M kWh.

(JH) introduced a motion to reduce the meeting schedule for the remaining summer months (Jul-Aug) to one meeting each month. The vote was 3-0-0
The remaining meetings will be 7/10 & 8/14

Paul Rooker has announced that he will be leaving Fincom. Fincom will assign a new liason to our committee starting with the Sept 2014 meetings. Paul was a very welcomed participant at our meetings.

The Capped Landfill Project is progressing according to plan. The platforms and supports for the PV panels can be seen from both Giddiah Hill Rd and the Transfer Station.

No additional correspondence

The minutes from 5-22-14 were approved by a vote of 3-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM by a vote of 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hungerford (acting secy)

Jim Hungerford 7/10/14