

## Cape & Vineyard Electric Coop

**Minutes of Meeting:** July 16, 2009

**Attendance:** C McLaughlin, M Zielinski, M Downey, J Cunningham, P Cabana, B Worth, M McDonald, J Soares, J Bernstein

**Minutes of last meeting:** Not available due to illness of staff

**M Zielinski-**Noted that Pro-Forma statements had been completed and reviewed with both Brewster and Harwich and that LOI have been signed by both towns. Wellfleet pro-forma was completed for three turbine situation, but now the changes in net metering regulations have left the issue of Wellfleet up in the air.

M Zielinski and M Downey met with Yarmouth which is holding several meetings with the public before any action is taken by the board of selectmen relative to joining CVEC.

**ConEd PV-** CES has received and is evaluating four bids for their RFP and is scheduled to award contract for CVEC work on July 24. It was noted that roof inspections for Brewster, Harwich, Barnstable have passed inspection, but that County roof did not. Eastham would be able to accept only a split system with 70 KW on one roof and 30 on another. M Downey will review this with CES to see if this will work economically.

Mark reported he is finding it difficult to find insurance at the \$2 million level. One million is readily available. We may have to go for \$25 million to cover all possible future needs. J Bernstein suggested that it might be possible to get CES to provide it, at lower cost, as part of the package.

**Expanded PV –** C McLaughlin suggested that CVEC expand the PV program for up to \$50 to \$100 million for other areas on Cape, especially since we have already done much work to get satisfactory contract documents. It was noted that savings are still small compared to cost of these installations and they do need to be subsidized. One comment from Harwich TA was to ask why we need PV, when we can get wind cheaper. That is not true in all towns, however. Staff noted that they are limited in available time to deal with additional programs. J Cunningham voiced his opinion that we should concentrate on the wind project we currently are dealing with, B Worth agreed with that. C McLaughlin noted that his town is quite anxious to get lots of PV up as soon as possible. The issue was tabled for the present with no action by the board

**Net metering reply comments:** Very short discussion here, noting that all board members have copies of the reply comments. It was noted that DPU will be holding a technical session with working group on tariff. Net metering, as it stands now, J Bernstein notes, is not too difficult to live with.

**CREBs discussion with Rebecca on the phone:** Reviewed several documents distributed to all, with resolutions for Brewster and Harwich and one allowing M Downey to execute the resolutions when completed.

- Changed the total CREBS to be requested for Brewster and Harwich so each request is for \$10 million. This action taken on motion by M Downey, seconded by P Cabana- Unanimous vote

- We will apply as a governmental body since it appears we do not qualify as a coop without risking rejection.
- Revised resolutions for CREBs moved for approval upon motion by M Downey for Brewster, seconded by M Zielinski- Voted unanimously. Motion by M Downey for Harwich resolution, second by M Zielinski also approved unanimously
- Questions:
  - Named the projects Harwich Wind 1 and Wind 2 and Brewster Wind 1 and Wind 2
  - Estimated permitting to start 12/1/09, construction to begin 7/1/10. Maggie will review completion time frame with our engineering consultants for each project
  - Location and address for each project to be provided
  - Engineering certification by the consultants currently working the project
  - Contact individual were designated as M Downey for Harwich and M Zielinski for Brewster
  - Spending schedule for each project will be worked out by M Zielinski by 7/27
  - Allocation request for each town has been set at \$10 million
  - Applications will be signed by M Zielinski- Motion to approve this made by M Downey, seconded by P Cabana

**Agenda Item VII (Tax Equity Research)** was tabled due to lack of available time

**Brewster Wind Project-** LOI signed but issues remain regarding some of the property. Some may be under control of Article 97 since they may have been acquired for environmental reasons. Research on this issue will continue by Town Attorney

**Harwich Wind Project-** BOS approved support of the LOI, but it has been red-lined by Town Attorney, J Giorgio regarding his opinion on requirement for Town Meeting approval. M Downey will request J Merriam to allow discussion between BCK and Town Attorney  
Harwich remaining issues

- Question asked- if town load increases, does town get bigger portion of available KWH. Answer is yes
- After 20 years, what happens. M Downey believes that L Cole is looking for a price for energy for those years. It is more practical to build into the agreement a process and time frame for setting rates for year 20 plus. B Worth will follow up with L Cole on this issue

**Update on Sandwich project-** Tabled for no action to report

**Cape Light Compact Financing-**Discussed the various ways to present the request to the Cape Light Compact to extend \$500,000 to allow the CVEC to pay for the startup on the Brewster and Harwich projects. These funds may not be paid back if the projects do not fly. If they go, all funds will be returned to CLC. We are asking the board to risk ratepayer money to advance the goals of the coop and therefore, the compact also. M Zielinski will make the presentation at the board meeting on July 22.

**Truro-** A memo from Truro Board of Selectmen who continue to be very concerned with the makeup of the executive committee of CVEC. They indicate that they will not join unless changes are made. M Downey attended a board meeting and has responded in writing to these concerns. No further action is contemplated at this time

Next meeting was scheduled for August 13 from 1030 to noon

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