

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2011

The Board of Directors of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:35 a.m. in Conference Room 11/12 at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Mass.

Present were: Charles McLaughlin, President; Barnstable
Mark Zielinski, Treasurer;
Margaret Downey, Clerk;
Peter Cabana, Tisbury; by phone
Michael Richardson, Mashpee;
John Jannell, Orleans
Barry Worth, Harwich;
John Cunningham, Brewster;
S. Kitt Johnson, Edgartown;
Martin McDonald, Eastham
Tim Twombly, W. Tisbury
Steve Gavin, Yarmouth

Absent were: Paul O'Keefe, Bourne;
John Scott, Chatham;
Richard White, Dennis
Heather Harper, Falmouth;
George Dunham, Sandwich;
David Gardner, Provincetown

Staff present: Ron Collins, Project Manager
Karen Loura, Admin Assistant
Liz Argo, Consultant

Counsel Present: Jeff Bernstein, Esq., BCK Law

Others Present: Charles Sumner, Brewster Town Administrator
Greg Lavasseur, Brewster Selectman
Preston Ribnik, General Public
Unnamed members of the General Public

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Cooperative considered the November 18, 2011 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the December 16, 2010 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes. *Mark Zielinski moved the Cooperative vote to approve the November 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by S. Gavin.* The Cooperative then voted unanimously in favor with M. McDonald and J. Jannell abstaining.

M. Zielinski then moved the Cooperative vote to approve the November 18, 2011 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by C. McLaughlin. The Cooperative then voted unanimously in favor with M. Richardson, J. Jannell and M. McDonald abstaining.

The Cooperative then considered the December 16, 2010 Regular & Executive Session Meeting Minutes. *M. Zielinski moved the Cooperative approve the December 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by M. McDonald.* The clerk was instructed to correct the spelling from Kleon to Cleon 5th Paragraph of Page 2. The Cooperative then unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

M. Zielinski then moved the Cooperative vote to approve the December 16, 2010 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by C. McLaughlin. The Cooperative then unanimously voted in favor of the motion with B. Worth, S. Gavin, M. Richardson and J. Jannell abstaining.

2. Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 2 (a)3 and Section 10.

P. Cabana moved the Cooperative vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGLA Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) &3 & Section 10, seconded by J. Jannell. P. Cabana announced the he has been nominated to become the Dukes County Representative. He will represent Tisbury with his voting today. Cooperative members then voted unanimously in favor of the motion. General Public vacated the room. Ron Collins, Project Manager; Karen Loura, Administrative Assistant; Jeff Bernstein, Esq., BCK Law; Liz Argo, CVEC Consultant; Charles Sumner, Brewster Town Administrator and Greg Lavasseur Brewster Selectman were also present.

At 2:30 the Board voted to return to Regular Session.

3. RUS Environmental Assessment Update

4. Proposed FY 12 Budget Discussions

The Board agreed to table FY 2012 Budget discussions to the April 21, 2011 Meeting.

5. Open Meeting Law Discussion Relative to Emails received from members of the Public.

M. Downey explained that it is County Policy not to forward e-mails received with requests that they be forwarded onto other County Officials and to affirm that Board members are not obliged to forward e-mails.

K. Johnson moved it be a CVEC policy to not forward e-mails from the general public, seconded by S. Gavin and voted unanimously in favor by those present.

6. Other Communications from Directors

- C. McLaughlin encouraged CVEC to consider expanding memberships to municipalities off of Cape Cod.
- Atty. Bernstein said Net Metering gets complicated when crossing service territories. He said the Coop could develop projects in other areas and sell them to 3rd parties to derive benefits to Coop Members.
- C. McLaughlin provided Plymouth as an example for consideration. Fall River and Nantucket have expressed interest. It was agreed to place this topic on a future meeting agenda.

At 2:45 p.m. M. Zielinski moved to adjourn, seconded by K. Johnson, voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Loura
Administrative Assistant