

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2011

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 9:40 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; Barnstable County
Margaret Downey, Clerk
Paul O'Keefe, Bourne
John Scott, Chatham
Barry Worth, Harwich;
John Cunningham, Brewster;
Martin McDonald, Eastham
Peter Cabana; Dukes County
Late: S. Kitt Johnson, Edgartown

Absent were: George Dunham, Sandwich
Tim Twombly, W. Tisbury
Richard White, Dennis
Heather Harper, Falmouth;
David Gardner, Provincetown
Steve Gavin, Yarmouth
Bill Straw, Tisbury
Staff present: Ron Collins, Project Manager
Liz Argo, Consultant
Karen Loura, Admin Assistant

Counsel Present: Jeff Bernstein, Esq., BCK Law

Public Present: David Anthony, Barnstable Cape Light Compact Representative and Town of Barnstable Procurement Officer; Preston Ribnick, Wellfleet; Eric Bibler, Weston, CT; James Rogers, Sandwich, Scott Ridley and Richard Eldridge of the Town of Barnstable.

1. Public Comment

The Executive Committee met prior to arrival of Kitt Johnson, Edgartown Director and provided for a Public Comment Period of 15 minutes. Public Comments would be limited to 3 minutes each.

Eric Bibler of Weston CT and President of Save Our Seashore read from a prepared statement including 5 questions for CVEC.

- 1) Why CVEC intends to appeal to the DPU?
- 2) Would CVEC agree to voluntarily submit to a review of the Cape Cod Commission?
- 3) Why are there no minutes posted for 2011 meetings?
- 4) Why is there no reference in the minutes of transfers from Cape Light Compact to CVEC
- 5) It is unclear if the funds are a grant or a loan.

Questions to be submitted in writing.

James Rogers asked 2 questions:

- 1) Can CVEC please explain funds received from ConEdison
- 2) Can CVEC please answer Bibler

Preston Ribnik of Wellfleet asked the following:

- 1) What is CVEC trying to do? What are goals?
- 2) How does CVEC justify transfer of funds that doesn't benefit all ratepayers?

He said he wants audited records.

At 9:50 a.m. K. Johnson arrived to the meeting.

At 9:50 a.m. the CVEC Board of Directors Meeting convened.

2. Consideration of March 17 & April 21 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

The Board considered the March 17, 2011 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. *P. Cabana, moved the Board vote to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by M. Zielinski and voted unanimously in favor with P. O'Keefe abstaining.*

The Board then considered the April 21, 2011 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. P. Cabana offered a correction to list himself as absent. *J. Cunningham then moved the Board vote to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by M. Zielinski and voted unanimously in favor with P. Cabana abstaining.*

The Board then agreed to postpone Item 3 Executive Session to the last order of business and discuss Item #4 PV Round II Planning Discussion.

4. PV Round II Planning Discussion

M. Downey indicated an RFP will be issued and reminded the membership to be looking for appropriate sites for roof and ground mounted PV systems. She said the members could contact her for technical support.

There was discussion as to whether or not to include roof top systems. P. Cabana suggested a separate RFP for Dukes County because FAA gave some land to the County which is adjacent to the Airport which is a business park. The revenue goes to the FAA and not the county. He is meeting tomorrow with the Airport Manager to get 30 acres designated. He asked if it were possible to have the Island of Martha's Vineyard recognized as a Unit as far as energy is concerned. He said he will update M. Downey by email. P. Cabana explained that the island has 4 cables carrying electricity. One has shorted out. The island has 5 gas turbines which are more costly than normal and 600 acres at the airport. He said there is a possibility to get significant energy. There is a concept that the island would have a greater potential; however they wouldn't want to jeopardize any other town.

McLaughlin suggested coordinating visits with the FAA to walk through Barnstable's Airport as well to see what is available.

The Board agreed to include both ground mounted and roof top systems and to allow the vendors to decide – roof top should not be excluded.

There was discussion concerning CVEC's ability to bring private land into the system.

It was suggested to form a small working group to develop a list of ideas.

K. Johnson, P. Cabana, R. Collins, C. McLaughlin and M. Zielinski volunteered to form a subcommittee working group.

5. Release of Previous Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Executive Session Minutes from 2008, 2009 and 2010 which no longer need to remain private have been released and will be posted to the CVEC website as soon as possible.

C. McLaughlin requested that the Executive Session Minutes be prepared and provided to the membership for more current review.

6. Other Communications from Directors

M. Zielinski reported on an Open House on Saturday, 4/21st with P. O’Keefe for a recycling program and including a tour.

K. Johnson asked about the Ocean Plan and he recalls an important meeting upcoming around the 25th. M. Downey said there are two different plans. There is a State process and a Federal Process. Martin said there is a County Plan and there is no announcement of a meeting on the County Plan.

Public:

E. Bibler referenced a complaint with the Attorney General and asked if he could get a copy.

3. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(2) 3 & 10

At 10:25 a.m. M. Zielinski moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session and not return to open session pursuant to MGLA Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) & 3 & Section 10, seconded by P. Cabana. Members then voted via a roll call vote – vote was 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; D. Anthony, Barnstable Representative, Cape Light Compact and Barnstable Procurement Officer; Scott Ridley and Richard Eldridge of Town of Barnstable, were permitted to remain for the duration of the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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