# Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

# Meeting Minutes October 20, 2011

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. in Conference Room 11/12 at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Mass.

Present were: Charles McLaughlin, President, Barnstable

Barry Worth, Director at Large, Harwich Mark Zielinski, Treasurer, Barnstable County Maggie Downey, Clerk, Cape Light Compact Dean Keuch, Director at Large, Brewster

John Scott, Chatham Director Steve Gavin, Yarmouth Director John C. Checklick, Falmouth Director Martin McDonald, Eastham Director

Counsel Present: Jeff Bernstein, Esq. BCK Law

Staff Present: Ron Collins, Project Manager

Liz Argo, Consultant

Barbara Austin, Administrative Assistant

Absent: S. Kitt Johnson, Edgartown Director

Richard White, Dennis Director

Michael Richardson, Mashpee Director

John Jannell, Orleans Director

David Gardner, Provincetown Director

Sandwich Director, Vacant Paul O'Keefe, Bourne Director

Peter Cabana, Dukes County Director

Bill Straw, Tisbury Director

Tim Twombly, W. Tisbury Director

Maggie Downey noted Dean Keuch replaced John Cunningham who resigned as Interim Director for the Town of Brewster.

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 2. <u>MEETING MINUTES</u>

The Board considered the September 15, 2011 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Charles McLaughlin asked if there were any changes needed. *Motion made by Mark Zielinski to approve the minutes of September 15, 2011 seconded by Charles McLaughlin, approved 3-0-1 with Barry Worth abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.* 

# 3. PHASE I GROUND MOUNTED PV PROJECT UPDATE

Ron Collins discussed the status of each Towns Interconnection Application:

Brewster- application will be completed in a day or two.

Eastham- in permitting process.

Chatham- DEP permit submitted, no issues and proceeding.

Harwich- DEP permit submitted, no issues and proceeding.

Tisbury- DEP will be signed within two weeks.

Edgartown- 3 sites:

- 1) Within one week will be submitted
- 2) Site may be resized
- 3) Will be submitted; received verbal ok

Barnstable- working on submitting application once details are worked out with engineers.

Maggie Downey noted that the site plan review is the only requirement for each town.

Jeff Bernstein added there is a statutory timeline for NSTAR to review the Interconnection Application.

Maggie Downey discussed the schedule Z questions for NStar including net metering and allocations.

## 4. BREWSTER TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 25

Jeff Bernstein, Charles McLaughlin and Maggie Downey discussed the misinformation and misstatements made by the Brewster Citizen petition which need to be addressed. Also discussed was the need for better communication between the Town and CVEC. Maggie Downey noted that the citizen petition is an invalid vote because it conflicts with the CLC Intergovernmental Agreement. The petition does not conflict with CVEC bylaws.

### 5. OTHER COMMUNICATION FROM DIRECTORS

• Maggie Downey discussed avoided cost of solar PV on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. These projects provide substantial savings to rate payers, nearly \$40 million in avoided costs over the 20-year contract. Increasing this amount to 85.9 MW would be expected to save \$204 million in avoided costs over the same period. Maggie announced there will be a detailed presentation by

Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. to the Cape Light Compact Governing Board on November 9' 2011 on the Avoided Energy Supply Cost Memo.

• Charles McLaughlin discussed the Assembly of Delegates Meeting of October 19, 2011. After public comment from various people, written questions will be outlined for CVEC. Maggie Downey suggested perhaps a letter should be submitted which documents how CVEC's fundamental support is to benefit the towns and their rate payer's financially. Steve Gavin also offered a diagram that could help clarify the situation. It includes how power is produced and distributed to the towns and the redistribution if there is excess power. Steve added that he discussed with the Yarmouth town selectmen the PV Round II and it was agreed to be good, basic groundwork.

At 11:45 a.m. Maggie Downey moved the Board to recess seconded by Charles McLaughlin.

At 12:30 p.m. the Board reconvened.

# 6. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(a)3 AND SECTION 21(a)10

At 12:31 p.m. Upon Motion by Maggie Downey, seconded by Charles McLaughlin, CVEC went into Executive Session upon the declaration of President Charles McLaughlin that the board hereby determines that the disclosure of trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information in an open session will adversely affect CVEC's ability to conduct business in relation to the other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy; and that the consideration of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property will have a detrimental effect on CVEC's negotiating position as a public body.

### Roll call vote by Executive Committee:

Charles McLaughlin, President, Barnstable	aye
Barry Worth, Director at Large, Harwich	aye
Mark Zielinski, Treasurer, Barnstable County	aye
Maggie Downey, Clerk, Cape Light Compact	aye
Dean Keuch, Director at Large, Brewster	aye
John Scott, Chatham Director	aye
Steve Gavin, Yarmouth Director	aye
John C. Checklick, Falmouth Director	aye
Martin McDonald, Eastham Director	aye

The Board did not return to open session meeting.

#### Materials Distributed:

- Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2011
- Avoided Cost of Solar PV on Cape Cod
- Article No 26 and No27; Protecting the Interests of Brewster Energy Consumers & Returning the Power to the People
- First Amendment to Energy Management Services Agreement for Brewster, Edgartown and Tisbury
- Alteris Renewables Service Estimate