

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes June 16, 2011

The Board of Directors of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 16, 2011 convening at 9:40 a.m. in Conference Room 11/12 at the Barnstable County Courthouse, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Members Present:

Charles McLaughlin, President	Barnstable
Mark Zielinski, Treasurer	Barnstable County
Margaret Downey, Clerk	Cape Light Compact
Paul O'Keefe	Bourne
John Cunningham	Brewster
Martin McDonald	Eastham
Barry Worth	Harwich
Steve Gavin	Yarmouth
Peter Cabana	Dukes County
S. Kitt Johnson	Edgartown
Bill Straw	Tisbury

Members Absent:

George Dunham	Sandwich
Tim Twombly	W. Tisbury
Richard White	Dennis
Heather Harper	Falmouth
John Scott	Chatham

Staff Present:

Ron Collins, Project Manager
Liz Argo, Consultant
Kara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Counsel Present:

Jeff Bernstein, Esq., BCK Law

Public Present:

Ed Lewis	Selectmen, Town of Brewster Board
Peter Norton	Selectmen, Town of Brewster Board
Charlie Sumner	Town of Brewster Administrator

Richard Elrick	Energy Coordinator
Preston Ribnick	Resident
Kathy Sherman	Resident
Rick Judd	Brewster Resident

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

I. Public Comment

President McLaughlin advised that public comment would be limited to 15 minutes. Individual comments would be limited to 3 minutes each. He announced the meeting was being recorded by Preston Ribnick.

1. Preston Ribnick of Wellfleet read from a prepared statement commenting on a quote by Charlie McLaughlin in a recent Cape Cod Times article, secrecy in executive sessions and requesting a time frame for when he can expect his questions from previous meetings to be answered.

Mr. McLaughlin responded that the quote was produced by the Cape Cod Times and was referencing a different question than what Mr. Ribnick asked in his statement. He informed Mr. Ribnick that his contents were totally inaccurate. He also responded that item #3 on today's agenda may answer some of his questions.

2. Kathy Sherman addressed the Board with her concerns regarding full transparency from CVEC, level of trust with the public and roles of County employees overlapping between Cape Light Compact and CVEC.
3. Rick Judd, Brewster resident, addressed the Board about the level of stress the project was causing his family as his property abuts the proposed project site and asked that they consider taking another vote to reverse the vote taken at the March 17, 2011 meeting.

President McLaughlin closed public comment.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Maggie Downey asked for any questions or corrections to the Minutes of May 19, 2011. Peter Cabana asked that the Minutes be amended to show he is the Dukes County representative and not the Tisbury representative.

Motion made by Mark Zielinski to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2011 as amended, 2nd by Martin McDonald, approved 11-0-1. Steve Gavin abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

III. Discussion of Letter from Barnstable County Commissioners

Mark Zielinski was directed by the County Commissioners to ask the CVEC Board of Directors to hold a public forum on the relationship between CVEC and Cape Light Compact.

Directors discussed extending an invitation to Cape Light Compact to jointly organize and plan the forum. Kitt Johnson stated that CLC's role should be in the context of observer/participant and that CVEC should plan and stage forum. Charlie McLaughlin agreed as the letter was addressed solely to the CVEC Board. Mark Zielinski recommended having a facilitator for the meeting and to put together a small subcommittee to organize forum.

Maggie Downey and Charlie McLaughlin spoke on holding the forum soon, possibly August, as they considered this to be an urgent matter.

Motion made by Mark Zielinski to form a subcommittee to coordinate a public forum for the purpose of holding an information session on the relationship between the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative and Cape Light Compact.

Maggie Downey asked for any discussion on the motion.

Charlie McLaughlin suggested asking Mike Ford, Town Moderator for Harwich, to facilitate the forum. He also advised that the subcommittee meetings should be posted publicly.

Charlie McLaughlin, Kitt Johnson, John Cunningham and Maggie Downey volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Motion was 2nd by Peter Cabana, approved 12-0-0.

IV. Proposed Discussion of Proposed CVEC FY12 Operating Budget

Mark Zielinski reviewed the proposed budget document that was included in the Board packet. He outlined the actual FY11 revenues and expenses and the projected figures for FY12.

Motion made by Barry Worth to approve the FY12 operating budget as presented, 2nd by Steve Gavin, approved 12-0-0.

V. Proposed Discussion on Draft CVEC Financial Statements for the Period of Inception through June 30, 2010

Mark Zielinski announced that the draft audit by Sullivan & Rogers was complete. CVEC received a clean audit. He suggested having the auditor attend the July Board meeting to give a presentation and to answer any questions from

the Board. Maggie Downey recommended that the Board release it as a draft document.

VI. Other Communications from Directors

1. Charlie McLaughlin disclosed that Mike Ford was his law partner for fifteen years and they have not been associated for the past 22 years. He suggested Mike based on personal knowledge of his abilities.
2. Steve Gavin announced the Town of Yarmouth formal dedication for PV system at the treatment plant on June 22 (rain date 6/23) from 4-6 p.m.

Motion made by Maggie Downey to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)3 and section 10, not to return to open session at 10:45 a.m., 2nd by Peter Cabana.

Roll call vote:

Maggie Downey	aye
Mark Zielinski	aye
Charlie McLaughlin	aye
John Cunningham	aye
Ron Collins	aye
Paul O'Keefe	aye
Steve Gavin	aye
Peter Cabana	aye
Bill Straw	aye
Martin McDonald	aye
Kitt Johnson	aye