

BARNSTABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Place: Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA

In attendance: Members: Douglas Hempel, Jan Rapp, Robert Franey, Vanessa Lavoie, Alison Alessi, Amanda Converse, and Jim Ruberti

Members absent: Jeffrey Pimental, Tony Johnson

Staff: Richard Elrick, Energy Coordinator and David Anthony, Chief Procurement Officer and Schools' Energy Manager

Meeting Minutes

1. **Minutes:** Minutes approved.
2. **Announcements:**
 - Champ House open house 6/4 3-5:30 pm 75 School Street, Hyannis MA
 - Responsible Bathroom Tour: 5/21 11:30-2 p, 880 Attucks Way, Hyannis, MA
3. **Energy Coordinator's update:**
 - Green Communities Act, update on inventory, DPW potential site at Transfer Station, Marstons Mills with ground mount solar and large scale wind
4. **Schools' Energy Manager's update:**
 - High School solar installation underway
5. **Old Business:**
 - Continued Discussion of Commission priorities and work plan including revisiting the specific language in the Town Council's mission 241-45.2:
 - Continued Discussion of renewable energy education opportunities for residents/students
6. **New Business:**
 - Renewable Energy Commission's (REC's) position on Cape Wind: Discussion of whether or not it's appropriate for the REC to take an official position on a controversial project at this time. No motion was made.
 - REC's position on OKH's decision against wind turbine at CCCC: We discussed how we could facilitate interaction between boards in town, and perhaps provide useful information for Historic Commissions.
 - Official Liaison to the Commission: Town Council President
 - Review of Barnstable's Wind By-Law: 240-44.1 Land Based Wind Energy Conversion facilities
 - Potential outreach to community: website, newsletter, cases studies, TV show.
 - D. Hempel to meet with R. Elrick and D. Wood, IT director, to discuss website potential
 - Solar Tour: October's Green Open House: advertisement and potential for field trips/curriculum at local schools
 - Barnstable's Municipal "Green Team": We discussed potential for 'sharing'

ideas the Town has implement successfully. This is probable most appropriate for businesses, though budget driven ideas may have some residential appeal as well. CLC: REC's role to support CLC initiatives, programs, audits including commercial, which are much less utilized. We discussed gathering 'data' from the CLC re. # of homes audited, solar installed etc. so we could amass an 'inventory' for the non-municipal buildings in Barnstable. PACE: legislation likely to be in place shortly. This is a new betterment financing option for renewables that the REC should promote in coming months.

7. **Election of officers**

Chair: A. Converse

Vice Chair: A. Alessi

Clerk/Secretary: D. Hempel

8. **Meeting Schedule**

We decided to meet the 4th Wed. of each month but since that would be 6 weeks; we decided to meet in the interim.

9. **Public Comment:** No one from the public was present.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 2, at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Wednesday, June 23, at 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Alessi, Vice Chair