



## Town of Barnstable Renewable Energy Commission

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### Minutes of October 25, 2010

A meeting of the Renewable Energy Commission (REC) was held on October 25th, 2010 in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Hall Building in Hyannis, MA.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:35PM by the Chair, Amanda Converse.

**Members present:** Amanda Converse, Alison Alessi, Doug Hempel, Vanessa Lavoie, Tony Johnson, Bob Franey, Jim Ruberti, and Jan Rapp.

**Staff:** Richard Elrick, Energy Coordinator and David Anthony, Chief Procurement Officer.

**Guests:** Deb Fitton, Cape Light Compact and Mark Els, Barnstable DPW Director and Dale Saad, DPW Senior Project Manager.

**Public:** James Crockett.

#### Act on Minutes:

On a motion and second, the commission unanimously voted to approve the September 20th, 2010 minutes as printed.

#### Announcements/Communications:

The Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School (Grade 4 and 5) will host their annual Energy Carnival on January 5th and 6th, 2011.

The Barnstable Renewable Energy Commission and the Cape Light Compact, will host a forum to provide educators from public and private schools with an overview of all the free energy education resources and curriculum materials that are available for students of all ages. The event will be held at Pope John Paul High School, 120 High School Road, Hyannis, MA on December 7th, 2010 from 4-6PM.

#### Cape Light Compact Education Presentation:

Deb Fitton gave a presentation on the Cape Light Compact's Education programs. (NOTE: Full presentation on file.) For more information on the programs, contact the Cape Light Compact at 1-800-797-6699 or visit

<http://www.capelightcompact.org/energy-efficiency-programs/energy-education->

[program/](#). In summary, the CLC provides various programs to support local educators on science, particularly related to energy topics with a focus on energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy and the science of energy. The overall goal of these programs is to help shape an energy literate and energy efficient/sustainable society.

#### **DPW Recycling Report:**

Mark Els, Barnstable's DPW Director, gave a presentation on current recycling activities and statistics at the town transfer station. Approximately 1/3 of the town's waste (approximately 8,400 households) is processed through the transfer station. The remainder is handled by private haulers. Although recycling rates at the state level are reported to be low, at 10-15%, the actual rate is probably as high as 40-50%, but private haulers are not counted by the state as contributing to the town's recycling rate.

#### **Staff Report:**

The Citizens Energy Forum was held earlier in the day at the Barnstable Senior Center. Turnout was small, but enthusiastic.

Solar As-of-Rights Zoning amendment was approved by the Town Council on October 7th. The areas in question are in the Industrial and Industrial (Limited) areas between Rt. 132 and Rt. 6 (about 1700 acres). The other area is the land around the transfer station (about 200 acres).

A presentation to the Town Council on the stretch energy code is tentatively planned for November 4th, 2010. This will be a workshop format.

CVEC (Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-op) has put out an RFP for solar installations on the capped landfills of several Cape towns, including Barnstable.

Richard was informed that the baseline audit for the Climate Action Plan would need to use 2008 data instead of 2007 data.

The turbines have been erected at the WPCF and ground work on the solar panels should begin soon. Work is hoped to be completed by April 2011.

David reported on the output of the High School solar array last month which produced over 17,000 KWh of energy.

David said that they hoped the RFP for the CVEC project would be returned some time in mid-November.

#### **Old Business:**

The education working group continues to interface with the school committee. The December 7th event is an effort to get a bunch of educators together to exchange ideas.

Doug continues send monthly updates to the website through Richard and the town's IT group.

**New Business:**

Any new business not already covered was tabled until next meeting because of time constraints.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Hempel, REC Clerk