



## Town of Barnstable Renewable Energy Commission

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### Minutes of November 17, 2010

A meeting of the Renewable Energy Commission (REC) was held on November 17th, 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, and Jim Ruberti.

**Staff:** Richard Elrick, Energy Coordinator.

**Guests:** None.

**Public:** None.

#### Act on Minutes:

On a motion and second, the commission unanimously voted to approve the October 25th, 2010 minutes as printed.

#### Announcements/Communications:

Amanda attempted to contact the missing commission member without success and was directed to request that the Town Council fill the vacancy.

#### Staff Report:

Richard indicated that PACE legislation is still being held up by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. Pending legislation is attempting to set PACE up on a federal level.

We cannot fit anything more into the tax bills, so we'll have to find another way to send out an Energy Commission pamphlet or mailing. We can use the bulk rate mailing permit.

Still waiting to hear on use of the GIS grant money for REC projects.

Private haulers are required to offer recycling but not report recycling rates. We will try to get more information from the haulers and perhaps have them come speak to us. Richard will get more information before making any invitations.

WPCF project continues along. Turbines are up but not yet running. Solar panels are about 10% installed.

CVEC RFP is out to bid for the capped landfill project(s). Response date November 30th. Approximately 24MW of PV.

Richard asked if there was more that the REC could do to promote discussions with and coordination with the Old King's Highway. Much discussion ensued and it was agreed to do more coordination with other town energy committees and perhaps get state-wide legislators involved in updating the Acts of 1973 which formed the OKH.

HS Solar PV production continues. More information can be found at <http://www.cvecinc.org>.

#### **Old Business:**

Doug sent several case studies to the web developer for updating to the website. Need to get a table put together that can be updated a few times a year for PV installation.

The education working group has an issue with the Educator's Energy Forum and it can't be held at Pope John Paul. They are searching for an alternate site. The date will probably change.

Jim mentioned that Viridian Energy would like to come in and speak with the commission about their green energy offerings soon to be available in March. A date will be determined for a future meeting. Still working on a REC logo.

Tony spoke with Pat Murphy of the School Committee to talk about possibly getting a turbine project going somewhere on the High School / Intermediate School property. Three sites were targeted. A turbine the size of Country Gardens would probably be do-able. We might be able to use existing data from Country Gardens instead of having a separate study done. Grants could take care of 1/3 of the cost at least.

Jan is working on a letter to big-box stores in town to discuss incentives and rebates available in Massachusetts for their stores.

Earth Day event planning is still on the table. Contact will be made to various organizations around town and Cape-wide to attempt coordination.

There was some discussion of setting up Facebook and Twitter for more immediate communication with those interested in the REC's projects.

Alison agreed to write up something that could be sent to NSTAR and NGRID to be put into bills sent to Barnstable residents.

A Stretch Code workshop will be held with the Town Council on November 18th. DOER and a HERS rater will be in attendance as well as a representative from the home builders association.

There was also a discussion of a recent national meeting of the IECC building code group discussing that the existing Stretch code will become the new base energy code in 2012.

**New Business:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Hempel, REC Clerk