



Town of Barnstable Renewable Energy Commission

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Minutes of September 20, 2010

A meeting of the Renewable Energy Commission (REC) was held on September 20th, 2010 in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Hall Building in Hyannis, MA.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30PM by the Vice Chair, Alison Alessi.

Commission members present: Amanda Converse, Alison Alessi, Doug Hempel, Vanessa Lavoie, Tony Johnson, and Jan Rapp.

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

Guests: Maggie Downey, Cape Light Compact

Public: James Crockett.

Act on Minutes:

On a motion and second, the commission unanimously voted to approve the August 31st, 2010 minutes as printed.

Announcements/Communications:

Solar Home Tour on October 2nd, 2010. Details at <http://www.nesea.org>.

Regional Stretch Code Forum at the Sandwich Council on Aging Building on September 22nd, 2010 at 6PM.

Cape Light Compact Presentation:

Maggie Downey gave a presentation on the Cape Light Compact's Energy Efficiency Programs. (NOTE: Full presentation on file.) For more information on having an energy audit done at your home or business, contact the Cape Light Compact at 1-800-797-6699 or visit <http://www.capelightcompact.org/>. In summary, the CLC's energy audit program will identify work that can be done to a home or business and can help pay for up to 75% (residential) of those upgrades (100% in the case of low-income candidates).

Staff Report:

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Solar As-of-Rights Zoning amendment will go before 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).

The vehicle purchase policy has been approved by the Town Manager.

The baseline audit for the Climate Action Plan is almost done. There is concern that 2007 data could be used. Richard thinks we may need to use 2008 data instead.

For Energy Awareness Month, an event is to be planned for October 25th, 2010 at the Barnstable Senior Center. An afternoon event is planned.

Richard would like to suggest an event for Earth Day in April. A sample of an event from Sustainable Wellesley was discussed.

Deb Fitton of the Cape Light Compact wrote to say that the Energy Carnival event that takes place yearly at the Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School (grades 4 and 5) is scheduled for January 5th and 6th, 2011. She's looking for volunteers to help out.

The WPCF project is in high gear. Solar site work should begin at the end of September. Should be installed by year's end. Turbines should arrive in early October and go up quickly.

Richard agreed to contact Mark Els about the town's recycling efforts.

David indicated that CVEC (Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-op) is working on a couple of projects in Barnstable, particularly the capped landfill project and a few others. Benefits include larger buying power as CVEC is able to combine projects and procurement.

Old Business:

Vanessa let the group know that she and Jim Ruberti (and anyone else interested) would be meeting with the school committee on Oct. 12th to discuss communication between the REC and the students.

David indicated the Deb Fitton would be at the October 25th meeting to discuss education resources through the CLC. She'd like to see a student energy group.

There was a suggestion to contact the school's Gateway program.

Alison still wants to meet with the building commissioner to discuss tracking of renewable energy projects in town.

Doug continues to work on getting updates to the website ready and passed through to the town's IT group. Updates are continuing.

New Business:

None other than the previously reported presentation.

Public Comment:

James Crockett suggested contacting the ESL program over at the Community College in case help is needed getting into non-English speaking communities in the town.

David added that it might be great to have someone from the College to come speak about their programs.

Adjournment:

On a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hempel, REC Clerk