

Minutes
Vineyard Power Board Meeting
June 20, 2016

Present: Ted Bayne, Paul Pimentel
Calling in: Ron Dagostino, Bill Lake, Mike Jacobs,
Dan Seidman, Ann Berwick, Janet Foley Orosz
Non-Board: Erik Peckar, Richard Andre
Absent:

1. Minutes for April and May were resent and received after adjourn. Have to accept them at the July meeting.
2. Report from President. Richard summarized the current situation at the Mass House and Senate. The House bill was conceived as minimally amended so Community Empowerment (CE) did not make it in that bill. We are told that CE will make it into the Senate version. The Senate version will attempt to increase the capacity of the overall wind farm. But there is no sense in either bill that this is “only” a phase one.
3. Outreach activity for Offshore MW-VP. VP’s working relationship with Offshore MW will increase considerably if the main energy bill passes. Erik has ramped up his responsibilities in the federal process. Our community work: it makes a big difference to fishermen and Native Americans that VP is a local community-based organization. We have an advantage in these community connections and have gotten the “jump” on this task. The industry group that united Dong and Offshore MW et al will separate out after a bill passes.
4. Board elections are coming in the August annual VP meeting. Several special events coming up in July and August. Notifications will go out.
5. Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 13th at 10:30am. Annual meeting is Aug 7th. At the Katherine Cornell.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Bayne