

Minutes
Vineyard Power Board Meeting
June 20, 2017

Calling in: Mike Jacobs, Janet Orosz, Ann Berwick,
Ted Bayne, Paul Pimentel, Bill Lake, Ron Dagostino,
Julia Bovey, Dan Seidman
Non-Board: Richard Andre (calling in)

1. Minutes for the May meeting were approved.
2. Discussion was held about the Fall meeting currently being called the “100% RE Summit”. The date will be provided by Richard. A host committee will be formed from the island attendees and VP board members (Janet, Bill, and Paul volunteered). The Summit will have a plenum session and then break out into topical subgroups. The board leaned towards the “Engagement” function of the meeting as opposed to presenting a lot of persuasive data regarding 100% RE although some baseline info will be needed. [The date for the Summit was subsequently set at September 24.]
3. Richard reported on the current status of Community Empowerment (CE). Ben Downing didn’t run again (went to private sector) and Senator Mike Barrett has picked up on some of his jobs on CE in the joint committee. Our legislative team has spent serious time educating him and his staff. It appears that the Senate will approve CE for the second time.
4. Some discussion was held about Storage in the Offshore RFP. A lot of ambiguity in the issue of storage regarding: what other players will do, how storage should be represented in terms of cost (who pays), how it might affect kWh energy price, and what the State is really interested in. Too soon for the specific battery technology to be defined. [Dong will use ABB’s Lithium-based batteries in the UK.]
5. Richard reported on the hiring of an energy consultant (Dave Wilby) to help pass CE in the House. He would start September 1st and work to the end of the session July 2018 unless CE passes before then. It appears that we have the resources to fund this position.

Next meeting will be July 25th at 10:30 am.

Future meeting dates: Aug 22, Sept 19, Oct 24, (skip Nov), Dec 5.

Meeting adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Bayne