

Minutes

Vineyard Power Board Meeting

March 6, 2018 10:30 am

Present: Mike Jacobs, Ann Berwick, Warren Adams, Ron Dagostino (all by telephone), Bill Lake

Non-Board: Erik Peckar, Tom Soldini

Begun 10:32 am

1. Discussed the visualization activity that VP & Vineyard Wind are engaged in, which involves displaying offshore wind farm simulation photographs taken from various vantage points on Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the Cape. Richard Andre is doing visualization today on Nantucket. VP and Vineyard Wind will host visualization forums at VP's office on the following dates (Board members are encouraged to attend both if possible):

"Friends and Family" – Invite only, not open to public. VP will send out personal invites to a group of members.

Thursday, March 15, 10am -12pm

Open House – open to public

Tuesday, March 20, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

2. Discussed the status of Community Empowerment legislation in the Commonwealth. Community Empowerment is included in a number of pending bills, and the issue remains alive in this session of the legislature.

3. Discussed how individual board members can contribute to the visibility and impact of the organization. Two examples were mentioned:

(a) Warren has recruited a number of people with interest in powering electric vehicles with renewable energy who are in effect sponsoring a graduate student to do some modeling of the electric buses coming to the Vineyard Transit Authority, in an effort to quantify how a big vehicle-to-grid practice on the island would make a difference. Funds are now available to Eversource to support the connection of charging stations to the grid, and support may be available also from the Commonwealth's share of the Volkswagen settlement fund. The student will be on the island in April and we will introduce him around and help him gather data. Warren will explore whether he might host an event at the VP office on April 7 or 8 for invited guests who are interested in discussing the vision the VTA is pursuing.

(b) Individual board members may host a number of small social events to expose people to the co-op and its activities. Mike Jacobs will host the first such event on April 29 in connection with a meeting in Falmouth of the Union of Concerned Scientists, to introduce some of its board members to VP and its work.

4. April 23 is the expected date for the Commonwealth's announcement of the selected offshore wind project(s) with which it will begin contract negotiations for the current round. The announcement will have a significant effect on VP's near-term activities.

5. The Board has conveyed its heartfelt thanks to Jan Orosz for her valuable service on the Vineyard Power Board.

Adjourned 11:22 am

Future meeting dates:

May 8

June 5

August 7

September 11

November 6

December 4