

Minutes

Vineyard Power Board Meeting

June 5, 2018 8:00 am

Present (all by telephone): Mike Jacobs, Paul Pimentel, Ann Berwick, Warren Adams, Gary Harcourt, Jon Hartzband, Bill Lake

Non-Board: Richard Andre, Erik Peckar

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1. The Board noted with great satisfaction the Commonwealth's award in favor of Vineyard Wind on the wind RFP, and the recognition that has been given to Vineyard Power's contribution to the project through its community benefit agreement. Vineyard Wind is moving ahead to negotiate a contract to implement the award.
2. The Board reviewed the ten items for further work listed in the Chairman's agenda for the meeting. All of those projects will receive a boost from the award to Vineyard Wind, and certain of them had been expressly contingent on a successful award. The agenda lists those Board members who have indicated an interest to date in supporting staff on particular items, and directors are encouraged to volunteer for any others that interest them. Work on Item 3, the Resiliency and Affordability Fund may be accelerated as funding may be available earlier than previously anticipated. Directors will proceed with item 10, Public Outreach, by hosting small social events to increase Vineyard Power's exposure to the island community.
3. The cooperative contemplates entering into a further community benefit agreement to partner with Vineyard Wind in connection with future offshore wind projects. A goal of the cooperative's activities under that agreement will be to help Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to become 100 percent renewable in energy use. That effort will include greening our grid through Power Purchase Agreements for offshore wind and developing more solar and then by converting the transportation and home heating & cooling sectors to electric sources.
4. The Board contemplates a retreat in the Fall. A date has not yet been set.
5. The minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

Adjourned 18:45 am

Future meeting dates:

August 7

September 11

November 6
December 4