

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING
Open Session Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 8:30 AM REMOTE

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call & Identification of persons attending remotely

The President called the meeting to order at 8.30 am. Roll call:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Present	Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Present	Marion	Alanna Nelson	Present
Barnstable County	Mark Forest	Present	Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Present
Bourne	Janice Marks	Present	Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	Absent
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Present	Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Present
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Present	Orleans	Ronald Collins	Present
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Present	Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	Absent
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Present	Sandwich	Laura Gregorio-Tanguilig	Present
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Present	Tisbury	Bill Straw	Present
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Present	Truro	Mark Farber	Excused
Eastham	Vacant		West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	Absent
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Present	Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	Absent
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Present			

Maria Marasco, Executive Director- Present

Tatsiana Nickinello- Business and Projects Administrator- Present

Liz Argo – Member of the public

b. **Public comment-**

None

2. Approval of Minutes

a. **Board Meeting Minutes 6.16.22**

Upon a motion and second, the board voted as follows to approve the Minutes as written:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes	Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes	Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest	Abstain	Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes	Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes	Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes	Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes	Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes	Sandwich	Laura Gregori-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes	Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes	Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant		West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes	Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes			

3. President's Report

a. Comments

Bill Lake provided a short report regarding some recent news concerning CVEC. He congratulated Joseph Baker on becoming new Director for the Town of Yarmouth. Bill Lake announced CVEC's transition to a new women's owned law firm KO Law. He also encouraged members to attend CVEC co-sponsored ECCCI meeting on September 15, 2022 at 4.30pm and instructed staff to provide information to those who are interested. Bill Lake mentioned that Ameresco has been very helpful with identifying some opportunities pertaining to new federal and state laws.

b. Executive Committee Summary for FY 22

President Lake reported on FY22 Executive Committee's activities. The highlights of the report were approval of the recommendations for the FY23 budget, authorizing execution of service contracts with select members, ratification of PPA Amendment and Consent to Collateral Estoppel for the Oak Bluffs Elementary School.

c. CVEC Officers- Nominations and vote

d. Executive Committee- Nominations and vote for two at-large members

There were no new nominations for CVEC Board President position.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to re-elect William Lake as CVEC President, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes		Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest			Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes		Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes		Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregori-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes		Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes				

The motion passed in favor.

Jen Rand stepped down from the position of CVEC Vice President. Tain Leonard-Peck offered to fulfill the Vice-President position.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to elect Tain Leonard-Peck as CVEC Vice-President, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes		Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest			Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes		Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes		Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregori-	Yes

	Lewenberg			Tanguilig	
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes		Tisbury	Bill Straw
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes			

The motion passed in favor.

There were no new nominations for CVEC Treasurer position.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to re-elect Robert Wirtshafter as CVEC Treasurer, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes		Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest			Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes		Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes		Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregori-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes		Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes				

The motion passed in favor.

There were no new nominations for CVEC Clerk position.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to re-elect Charles Hanson as CVEC Clerk, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes		Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest			Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes		Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes		Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregorio-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes		Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes				

The motion passed in favor.

William Lake offered to fulfill the position of the Chief Procurement Officer. There were no objections or other nominees.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to elect William Lake as Chief Procurement Officer, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes	Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes	Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest		Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes	Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes	Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes	Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes	Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes	Sandwich	Laura Gregorio-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes	Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes	Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant		West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes	Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes			

The motion passed in favor.

William Lake designated Executive Director, Maria Marasco, as a Chief Procurement Officer.

e. Advisory Committees- Discussion and vote

William Lake briefly went over three existing advisory committees (Purchase option Committee, BESS Committee and Finance Committee). He opened up a discussion on establishing two new advisory committees (Program Committee and Nominating Committee). The proposed Program Committee is to monitor and assess existing CVEC programs and monitor, review and facilitate discussion about potential new programs. Nominating Committee is to identify candidates for CVEC officers and at-large members to the Executive Committee.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to establish Program Committee, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes	Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes	Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest	Abstain	Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes	Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes	Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes	Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes	Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes	Sandwich	Laura Gregori-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes	Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes	Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant		West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes	Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-	Yes			

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The motion passed in favor.

Upon a motion and second, the board voted to establish Nominating Committee, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin	Yes		Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest	Yes		Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand	Yes		Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter	Yes		Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregorio Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor	Yes		Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes				

The motion passed in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report Ending March 31, 2022

Bob Wirt presented the financial report. The highlights of the report are: CVEC has a balanced budget, sufficient reserves to continue to proceed as planned. Executive Director Maria Marasco added that the audit is near completion. She thanked the staff for their contributions and hard work. **Director's Report**

b. CVEC Operations

Executive Director Maria Marasco reported about several CVEC changes that transpired in FY22. CVEC brought bookkeeping in house that was previously outsourced, revised the accounts, which allowed to produce internal production reports bringing consultant costs down.

c. DOER Grant/DYRSD DY HS Project Status and Discussion

Executive Director Maria Marasco reported that approximate turn on date is set at the end of the year. CVEC received first payment installment from DOER in August 2022.

d. US Inflation Reduction Bill and MA Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind- Highlights and Opportunities

Executive Director Maria Marasco reported that CVEC falls into several categories as a governmental entity and a cooperative under Inflation Reduction Act which opens new opportunities. CVEC would potentially be able to issue bonds under MASS development. New Program Committee is evaluate new options that will be available for CVEC.

5. Project Reports

a. Status of Rounds 4, 5 and 6 Projects

The Executive Director reported that meeting is scheduled for Round 4 and 5 projects to discuss additional costs. CVEC's contracts state that in the event interconnections costs exceed \$10K there is an opportunity that allows renegotiations.

Maria Marasco noted that although Round 6 got cancelled, all of the projects now may qualify for new incentives. She added CVEC's effort attracted attention from one of the Massachusetts large universities that may be added to new round to make it more robust and more attractive for all of the participants.

b. Battery Storage Discussion

The Executive Director Maria Marasco updated the board that CVEC conducted conversations with Yarmouth Fire Chief to provide safety for students and school staff regarding DY battery. Town has no objections to the project. The board was informed on 3 level fire suppression systems used by the fire department.

6. Other Business

Steve Lewenberg had a question regarding CVEC EV program that was put on hold during covid lockdown period. It was recommended to reach out to Green Consumer Energies for expert advise.

Charlie McLaughlin left at 9.45 am

Mariel Marchand left at 10 am

Bob Wirtshafter left at 10 am

Tom O'Connor left at 10 am

7. Adjournment

8. Upon a motion and second, the board voted to adjourn, and voted as follows:

Aquinnah	William Lake	Yes		Harwich	Vacant	
Barnstable	Charles McLaughlin			Marion	Alanna Nelson	Yes
Barnstable County	Mark Forest	Yes		Mashpee	Wayne Taylor	Yes
Bourne	Janice Marks	Yes		Nantucket	Lauren Sinatra	
Brewster	Charles Hanson	Yes		Oak Bluffs	Dion Alley	Yes
Cape Light Compact (CLC)	Mariel Marchand			Orleans	Ronald Collins	Yes
Chatham	Robert Wirtshafter			Provincetown	Lydia Hamnquist	
Chilmark	Stephen Lewenberg	Yes		Sandwich	Laura Gregorio-Tanguilig	Yes
Dennis	Tom O'Connor			Tisbury	Bill Straw	Yes
Dukes County	Tain Leonard-Peck	Yes		Truro	Mark Farber	
Eastham	Vacant			West Tisbury	Jennifer Rand	
Edgartown	Alan Strahler	Yes		Yarmouth	Joseph Baker	
Falmouth	Rosemary Dreger-Carey	Yes				

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 am

Approved ___1.19.23_____