



ASSISTANT  
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

Town of Orleans Energy and Climate Action Committee  
Minutes October 12, 2023  
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023, AT 4:15 PM

Note: A video recording of this meeting can be found at  
<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/zzV8HNURw1G02-ue3gIR7BRTpl-bknlL/series/4129/media/829940?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true>.

Present: John Londa (Chair), Paul Cass, Susan Chandler, Hakim Janah, plus Select Board liaison Andrea Shaw Reed.

Not Attending: Kevin Clements, David Jacobson, Roger McDaniel.

Invited Guests: Tessa Cochran English and Elizabeth De Lima of the Orleans Climate Action Network.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by the Chair.

Public Comment: None.

Chair's Report

Chair John Londa reported on the Select Board meeting on September 27, 2023, and the Orleans Citizens Forum meeting on September 28, 2023, at both of which the proposed Specialized Energy Code was discussed. The Chair attended the Select Board meeting, and both he and David Jacobson attended the Orleans Citizens Forum meeting.

In addition, the Chair reported on the quarterly meeting of the Outer Cape Energy and Climate Action Committees on October 3, 2023, at which Eversource made a presentation on planning for future requirements on the Outer Cape.

Future meetings of note include (a) the Town Meeting on October 16, 2023, at which four Articles supported by the Committee will be considered, (b) the Chair's meeting with the Town Manager scheduled for October 25, 2023, to discuss the Committee's goals and plans, and (c) the Energy and Climate Committees of the Cape & Islands (ECCCI) on October 26, 2023.

The Chair also reported that Andy O'Neill, a proposed new Associate Member of the Committee, was to be interviewed by the Select Board on October 18, 2023.

In addition, the Chair reported that he had asked Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CVEC") for a timeline on the solar projects that CVEC is working on in Orleans. Maria Marasco, the Executive Director of CVEC, replied that an RFP is expected to be issued in early November for an award in early Spring. (See Appendix A, below.) The Chair also reported asking Ms. Marasco for the effects of the Inflation Reduction Act tax benefits on these projects and her

response that CVEC could help with some of the analysis of such tax benefits and that she would stay in touch with Ron Collins of the Town's Department of Public Works and Natural Resources.

Hakim Janah reported that he attended the Chairmen's meeting of October 5.

#### Orleans Climate Action Network ("OCAN")

Tessa Cochran English and Elizabeth DeLima of OCAN reported on the Lifetime Learning sessions held on September 27 and October 4, led by Martin Culik and dealing with various techniques for improving a home or a business's energy efficiency. Liz DeLima was pleased to report, among other things, that attendees at the first session had followed recommendations to sign up for home energy assessments.

Tessa English spoke about preparations for Town Meeting and pointed out that OCAN now has its own website, <https://www.orleansclimateaction.org/>. They also have a page on the Cape Cod Climate Action Collaborative website, at <https://capecodclimate.org/orleans/>.

#### Energy Climate Action Web Page

The Chair asked for a volunteer from the Committee to spearhead the effort to update the Committee's web page on the Town website. Andrea Shaw Reed pointed out Town resources that can be useful and encouraged the Committee to let the Select Board know of its needs in pursuing this objective. Hakim Janah noted that once the committee has sorted out the webpage update, Town resources can implement the changes.

#### Energy Manager Coordination with Cape Light Compact

The Chair reported on the need to pursue the steps to required to follow up on the idea of sharing the funding of an energy manager for the Town, if it is approved at Town Meeting. Hakim Janah agreed to take the lead on this topic for the Committee in working with the Town manager to prepare a job description and liaise with Cape Light Compact and other Towns.

#### Town-Owned vs. Third Party-Owned Solar Projects

The Committee discussed how to assist the Town in analyzing the ownership options for the Town's solar projects. Andrea Shaw Reed, the Select Board liaison to the Committee, advised the Committee that it is the Town's responsibility with the support of the Committee, as an advisory committee.

### Town of Orleans Vehicle Policy

The Committee discussed the appropriate role for the Committee in connection with the Town's vehicle policy. Andrea Shaw Reed invited the Committee to prepare a draft policy and submit it to the Town manager. The Chair referred to the need for a Committee member to take the lead on this topic.

### Student Representative

Susan Chandler reported that Bailey Nobili, the Nauset Regional High School ("NRHS") student representative to the Committee, had graduated. Ms. Chandler has reached out to the faculty advisors to the NRHS Green Club, to seek a new student representative to the Committee.

### Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of the Committee's September 14, 2023, meeting, were considered. Susan Chandler moved to approve the amended minutes. That motion was seconded by Hakim Janah and was approved unanimously.

### Agenda for Next Meeting

Mr. Londa circulated, and the Committee discussed, a draft agenda for the November 9, 2023, Committee meeting. A copy of the draft agenda is attached as Appendix B.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hakim Janah, seconded by Susan Chandler, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger McDaniel  
Committee Clerk

## Appendix A

### Email exchange between Chair John Londa and Maria Marasco of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.

From: John Londa <[jjlonda1@gmail.com](mailto:jjlonda1@gmail.com)>  
Date: October 12, 2023 at 8:38:21 AM EDT  
To: Maria Marasco <[mmarasco@cvecinc.org](mailto:mmarasco@cvecinc.org)>  
Cc: Ron Collins <[rcollins@town.orleans.ma.us](mailto:rcollins@town.orleans.ma.us)>, Hakim Janah <[linamine56@yahoo.com](mailto:linamine56@yahoo.com)>, Susan Chandler <[smchandler508@gmail.com](mailto:smchandler508@gmail.com)>, Andrea Shaw Reed <[asreed@town.orleans.ma.us](mailto:asreed@town.orleans.ma.us)>, Kevin Clements <[kclem613@aol.com](mailto:kclem613@aol.com)>  
*[This email was later forwarded to David Jacobson, Paul Cass, and Roger McDaniel.]*

Subject: Re: CVEC Status of Projects.

Maria, Thank you for the information on the two projects. I am sharing it with members of the Energy Climate Action Committee.

I had a second question about how CVEC is viewing the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act. Orleans is looking at having a behind the meter 300KW PV ground mount array to support the municipal water treatment facility. Will CVEC have a program that enables towns to be able to take advantage of the investment tax credit or production tax credits? The proposed project is being studied and needs to have an economic analysis done with respect to a 3d party Power Purchase agreement vs a town financed and owned project. Anything you can share about this would be of value. Thank you once again.

John Londa

Sent from my iPhone

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On Oct 11, 2023, at 9:28 AM, Maria Marasco <[mmarasco@cvecinc.org](mailto:mmarasco@cvecinc.org)> wrote:

Hi John-  
Thanks for your call yesterday.  
The projects are in the final stages of technical and financial analysis.  
The RFP is being prepared, and contracts updated.

We will be issuing the RFP probably in early November for an award in early Spring.

Here is a rough estimate of the sizes (analysis performed previously and not yet confirmed):

ROUND 6 PROJECTS	Red Denotes NEW				Feasibility Study Results	Feasibility Study Results
Orleans	DPW	40 Giddiah Hill Rd, Orleans	BTM	Roof	278.0	341,500
Orleans	Transfer Station		Standalone	Ground	157.0	209,000

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Maria Marasco

Executive Director

**C V E C | Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

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## Appendix B

Town of Orleans  
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
Energy and Climate Action Committee Meeting

On Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at 4:15 PM in Nauset Room, Town Hall, 19 School Road,  
Orleans, MA

or

Join Zoom webinar via computer or mobile device: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88298889461>

Dial in via phone (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID 882 9888 9461

- 4:15 PM
1. Call to order
  2. Public Comment
  3. Chairman's report
  4. Update on Orleans Climate Action Network
  5. Green Community Grant plan progress/ CEVC progress on DPW and Old Compositing site projects. (Ron Collins)
  6. Lead to brief a Web page improvement plan: structure, content, links, timeline.
  7. Cape Light Compact update on hiring an Energy Manager, structure for memorandum of agreement with town
  8. Lead to brief initial economic analysis of status quo, 3d Party owned Power Purchase agreement, Town Financed project, Water Board financed project.
  9. Lead to brief on next initial draft of an update Town of Orleans Vehicle Policy
  10. Vote to approve minutes for October 12, 23 meeting.
  11. Next Meeting/Agenda Items.
  12. Adjourn