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The Vision

From Matt Palmer, Executive Director



Local Benefits of Cape Wind

Despite 4 years of negative campaigning by the opposition, court battles, and delays, the Cape Wind project is alive and well. In fact, I firmly believe that the project will receive its permit and be constructed. There will be a wind farm on Nantucket Sound, and as members of Clean Power Now each of us will have helped bring this about. We are truly launching America's renewable energy revolution.

Part of my confidence in the success of the Cape Wind project comes from the new energy bill, as described in this newsletter by Chuck Kleekamp. The bill creates a lease program for wind farms and designates 28% of the revenue for the adjoining state.

That means that 72% of the lease revenue goes to the federal government. Shouldn't some (or all) of that money come back to the Cape and Islands to benefit

local residents?

For that matter, shouldn't local residents be able to purchase the power, and take advantage of the long-term stability in electric rates that a wind farm can offer? Shouldn't local residents have the opportunity to invest in the project? Shouldn't the jobs created by the wind farm go to local residents whenever possible?

The answer to all of these questions is "yes." Clean Power Now is committed to securing the benefits of the wind farm for local residents.

There will certainly be obstacles. Retail electric contracts and financing large energy projects can be very complex. Regulators and policy makers in Washington will resist losing lease revenues to local residents. We recognize that we don't have all the answers yet. But it is time to start asking the questions. We believe that by working with the developer and the local community, and encouraging the participation of our elected representatives, these obstacles can be overcome.

Success in this effort is vitally important, and not just for residents of the Cape and Islands and our local wind farm. What is done here will set the standard for the fu-

ture of offshore wind. Clean Power Now will work for the success of the Nantucket Sound wind farm, for us and for the future.

Introducing Erin Remillard, CPN's Summer Intern

This summer, Clean Power Now has had the immense good fortune to have **Erin Remillard**, a young woman from Harwich, working with us part-time as an office intern.

Erin, who is 21 years old and in her senior year at Suffolk University in Boston, is majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue graduate level studies in environmental science.

Erin made a huge difference in our small office, assisting in all sorts of diverse tasks...

...everything from clipping and filing stacks of newspaper articles and letters to the editor, to banging in the stakes for CPN's tent at the Barnstable County Fair, then volunteering her time to help staff the booth to answer questions and pass out informational materials. And, with her help, we even managed

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to reorganize our entire office space, making it a much more pleasant and efficient place to work.

Erin cheerfully handled every task and responsibility with energy, enthusiasm and a smile, and she impressed us with her maturity, dedication and intelligence.

We wish her the best as she completes her undergraduate studies at Suffolk, and hope she'll make her way back to work with us again at some point in the future.



CPN members protest Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s opposition to wind power, August 17, 2005

Our Members in the Press:

Noreen Thompsen / Brian Sullivan

Letter to the *Cape Cod Times*, 6-21-05

Greener earth rates a greener wallet:

Representatives of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound often end their missives with a coda — “So there!” Audra Parker’s recent letter to the editor was no exception when she made the now-tired assertion that Cape Wind’s primary motive in the proposed wind farm is profit...as in money green versus “clean green.”

My response is, “So what?” All energy companies make a profit. The question is what type of energy production is better for the environment. *Any* addition of clean to the mix is better than none. On this [front] we lag far behind much of Western Europe.

Susan Nickerson’s assertion that women are often guided by their role as nurturers (“Poll: Wind farm ‘dead heat,’ ” June 13) is accurate at least for this mother. I hope to leave the environment just a little cleaner so that my children and grandchildren can breathe cleaner air and know the joy of seeing a rainbow now and then.

Wind power is a move in the right direction.

Noreen Thompsen Eastham



Letter to *The Barnstable Patriot*, 8-5-05

Right in my back yard: A coalition of environmental groups released an interesting, albeit disturbing, report July 26, which shows how much carbon dioxide gas is being spewed into our local atmosphere by some of the worst power plants in the area.

Topping the list is the Brayton Point plant in Somerset. That is a coal-fired plant near the Rhode Island border. It belched forth some 5.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2004. Nice, huh? Since the prevailing winds run west to east, I guess we got our share of that right here on the Cape. How about our own Mirant power plant right in Sandwich? It’s an oil-fired plant that blew 4.2 million metric tons out its stack last year. Right in my back yard (RIMBY). That made third on the list. That ghastly place burns millions of gallons of oil and where does it all go? RIMBY! (One quick fact: The recent oil spill in Buzzards Bay would have only run that plant for approximately 25 minutes.)

Rounding out the top ten are the Mystic plant in Everett in 5th place and six others from New York and one from New Jersey. Not the list I’d want to be on!

So, to my point. The Cape is not what it was. It’s getting more congested every year, the air quality is some of the worst in the nation, and no one seems to believe it. How many more facts and reports on this crisis need to be pushed

under our noses before we start demanding a change? Cape Wind is offering a clean, alternative power source using mother nature at its cheapest (free) and some of us are opposed to this? What an outrage!

House prices, insurance rates, jobs, congestion, and taxes are driving more and more people from our state every year. You can now add air pollution. It’s been a problem for some time, but it’s getting worse. The “not in my back yard” group needs to wake up and smell the air. It’s changing, and not for the better.

You know, I’m a NIMBY also. Carbon dioxide? NIMBY. Sulfur dioxide? NIMBY. Nitrogen oxides? NIMBY. Volatile organic compounds? NIMBY!! I’m tired of all the hearsay and rhetoric. I’m tired of all the political posturing. This is not a party issue; liberals against conservatives, good against evil. This is a human issue. We need to protect ourselves and preserve the trust for our children. I want my children to grow up here and respect what great beauty we have. Every report like this makes my blood boil.

You know what I want? Birds and animals. RIMBY. Clean water and beaches. RIMBY. Breathable air and no toxins. RIMBY. Clean, renewable energy. RIMBY! Visit www.cleanpowernow.org and www.capewind.org for more information. This is what I want. RIMBY!

Brian Sullivan Marstons Mills



Photo of Tjaerborg taken by Dorte Griswold during CPN’s most recent fact-finding trip to Denmark in May 2005.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- **Saturday/Sunday, SEPT. 10/11:**
CPN booth at **EASTHAM WINDMILL WEEKEND:** Route 6 & Samoset Road,
Eastham: Sat.- 12–4 pm;
Sun.-1:30–4 pm
- **Friday–Sunday, SEPT. 16-18:**
CPN Team rides in American Lung Association’s Autumn Escape Bike Trek from Plymouth to Provincetown!
- **Sunday, SEPT. 18,** 11 am: CPN booth at **Brookline 300 Festival**
- **Thursday, SEPT. 22,** 8:30am-4:30pm:
Conference: “Shaping Cape Cod’s Energy Future”, Four Points Sheraton, Hyannis Call 508-457-7679 for additional info or to register.
- **FREE TOURS OF GREENPEACE SHIP ARCTIC SUNRISE** (see below):
Friday, SEPT. 23—noon–6 pm:
MacMillan Wharf, Provincetown
Saturday, SEPT. 24—11 am–5 pm:
Hyannis Harbor, inside breakwater
Sunday, SEPT. 25—2–6 pm:
Nantucket Boat Basin Marina
Monday, SEPT. 26— (details TBA)
Woods Hole



Shared Use of Public Property, the Energy Bill *By Charles W. Kleekamp, CPN Director*

The issue of private use of public property has often been a focal point of contention regarding Cape Wind’s project in Nantucket Sound. And the issue is not without merit. After all, federal resources belong to all of us. Although Mr. Gordon, President of Cape Wind, has long said that he would pay any future lease cost, his statement alone has not been sufficient to quell the criticism.

So it was sensibly appropriate that a section of the new energy bill signed by President Bush on August 8th established the process for leasing offshore submerged lands for windfarms. It is described in Section 388, known as: “Alternate Energy-Related Uses on the Outer Continental Shelf.” In this Act, the Secretary [of the Interior] along with other relevant agencies of the Federal Government, is directed to establish fees, rentals, and royalties for any lease, easement or right-of-way granted “to ensure a fair return to the United States [for the] production, transportation, or transmission of energy from sources other than oil and gas.” In other words, from offshore windfarms.

Furthermore, the act will provide for the payment of 27% of the revenues received by the Federal Government to coastal states within 15 miles of the geographic center of the project. Meaning, in this case, to Massachusetts for the benefit of its residents.

As for safeguards, this act ensures that any activity is “carried out in a manner

that provides for safety, protection of the environment, conservation of the natural resources, and national security interests of the United States.” It will also prevent leaseholder interference with other reasonable uses of the exclusive economic zone thereby insuring a shared use policy. And finally, it requires the lease holder to furnish a bond to comply with the provisions of the act and to restore the leased area on termination. The Secretary must issue the necessary regulations to carry out this act by May 8th, 2006.

The implementation of this federal lease process certainly insures that the public will receive a fair return for the considerable use of Nantucket Sound especially bearing in mind the wind farm is not an extractive industry.

In addition, Cape Wind has already made a host community agreement with the Town of Yarmouth to bring the power transmission cable under the streets to the electrical substation near the Hyannis Airport. The 20 year agreement includes a \$2.7 million charitable gift and approximately \$6.7 million dollars in taxes.

Clean Power Now certainly feels that these monetary considerations will adequately compensate the public for the shared use of Horseshoe Shoal. For this consideration we will receive the enormous societal benefits of the most benign source of non-polluting electrical energy along with the achievement of a major first step to energy independence.

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