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The Vision

From Matt Palmer, Executive Director

There have been many exciting developments at Clean Power Now, and with the Cape Wind project in the past two months. In this newsletter, you will read about our new Membership Coordinator, Chelsea Harnish. She is a terrific addition to our team and we are delighted to have her join us. Copies of the new Denmark video are in our hands; please contact us to obtain a copy. As of this writing there are a number of upcoming events that are still being planned, so please check our website www.cleanpowernow.org for the latest calendar, or call the office (508) 775-7796.



Matt Palmer

Under the provisions of the Energy Act, the Department of Interior must write new regulations governing offshore alternative energy projects by May of next year. Project opponents, including Attorney General Tom Reilly, have asked the Department to stop the review process for Cape Wind and the Long Island wind farm until those regulations are complete. The Act also specifically states that those two projects do not need to repeat any part of the permitting process already completed. While there will naturally be a small delay in transferring responsibility from the Army Corps to MMS, we do expect permitting to move forward expeditiously.

Minerals Management Service

In early October, responsibility for managing the federal permitting process for Cape Wind passed from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Minerals Management Service (MMS), a division of the Department of Interior. In our view, this is a very positive development for the project. Under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act passed by Congress this summer, the Interior Department was

given authority to grant permits and leases for offshore alternative energy projects. That law, in combination with the transfer of responsibility, removes the objection that the regulatory process is not clear. Minerals Management is also the agency that permits and leases offshore oil and gas drilling, giving them significant experience with offshore energy projects.

cently gave its approval to the Cape Wind project, adding to the list of permits already obtained. This is another significant milestone for the project, in conjunction with the Energy Facilities Siting Board permit issued in May. The ISO approval comes after a thorough study of the project by ISO's Reliability

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ISO New England

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CPN'S Team in the ALA's Autumn Escape Bike Trek



Richard Lawrence

On September 16, 17 & 18 (yes, that rainy, windy weekend that Ophelia paid a visit to New England!), three members of Clean Power Now (including Executive Director Matt Palmer, Board Member Richard Lawrence, and Office Administrator Pam Patrick) rode 160 miles from Plymouth to Provincetown in support of the American Lung Association's Autumn Escape Bike Trek to raise funds and aware-

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Thanks so much to everyone who contributed financially to the ALA in support of our efforts. Your donations are assisting lung disease victims today and helping to stop the spread of lung disease tomorrow.

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Pam Patrick

Our Members in the Press: Richard Bartlett / Randy Moore

Barnstable Patriot 9/9/05: Harness the wind to lessen hurricane intensity

For years climatologists and environmental scientists have been warning us that global warming is a reality and that all nature is one huge interlocking system. Mess up factor "A" and the consequences may pop up at "Q" or "Z."

Many people have blithely disregarded what researchers like George Woodwell of Woods Hole, Kerry Emanuel of MIT, Lester Brown of Earth Policy Institute, and others have been telling us. Some people are happy with their Hummers, have been making big donations to fight the wind farm, are unwilling to oppose polluters. Those obstructionists are totally irresponsible stewards of our Cape and our planet.

A prescient Kerry Emanuel published a study that documented hurricane intensity has more than doubled in the past 30 years. From the study's release date, Aug. 1, 2005, to the onslaught of deadly Katrina, it was less than one month. "My results suggest that future warming may lead to an upward trend in tropical cyclone destructive potential, and taking into account increasing coastal populations, a substantial increase in hurricane related losses in the 21st century."

That's calling the shots with precision!

Katrina grew from a mere tropical storm to become a devastating Category 5 hurricane by passing over a warm Gulf of Mexico, a path only 600 miles long. Cape Codders could consider what a return of Hurricane Bob might be like passing over today's Atlantic. Shorefront NIMBYs will have a spectacular scene to view. We all will feel the pain.

Applauding Cape Wind instead of opposing it, or trading in one's SUV for a hybrid obviously won't end the perils of climate change and its associated extreme weather events. But that doesn't excuse NIMBYism. We each are obliged to do our own part, however modest, and try to influence others to also behave for the good of all.

Thomas Paine, author of "Common Sense," the 50 page tract that is credited with transforming skirmishes over George III's taxes into a war to establish our United States of America said: "We have it in our power to change the world over again. The birthday of a new world is at hand." Later he wrote: "My country is the world and my religion is to do good."

Isn't it time we brought common sense into play in the world of ecology here and now? We can do it, you can help.

Richard C. Bartlett, Cotuit

Cape Cod Times 10/2/05: Alliance ad effective, but not as it intends

The latest radio ad by the Alliance to protect Nantucket Sound is yet another example of the kind of misinformation that has led me to support the wind farm. If the alliance has to resort to that kind of stuff, it just can't be on the right side of the debate!

The arguments *for* the wind farm encompass issues of global warming, air pollution and dwindling petroleum stocks (and yes, natural gas is one of those).

So the proposition of "just a dime on your electric bill" is really just nonsense! It isn't about a dime, it's about having adequate energy and beginning a process that might begin to stem the tide of global warming that threatens our polar regions and would seem to affect our weather patterns in ever-increasing ways.

I'll continue to support the wind farm and other forms of renewable energy. I'd also encourage others to do their homework and determine fact from fiction.

Randy Moore, Mashpee



Photo Credit: Don Parkinson/Sandwich Enterprise

← *Members of Clean Power Now stood outside the Sandwich Glass Museum on Tuesday morning, October 18th, 2005, while the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound hosted a breakfast meeting inside the museum with some of the Cape's political delegation..*

For the complete details and sources of any facts mentioned in this newsletter, please see

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Committee, which found that the project would not have any negative impact on the electrical system. Opponents have long argues that the intermittent nature of wind power would de-stabilize the grid. ISO, the operator of the electric system, has determined that will not be the case.

Deval Patrick

Perhaps the most exciting news recently for renewable energy supporters was the announcement by gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick that he supports the Cape Wind project. Following that announcement, many members expressed to me the hope that Clean Power Now would begin campaigning for Deval. Unfortunately, we cannot. Clean Power Now is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Many non-profit organizations nationwide share this same designation. Under IRS rules, non-profits cannot participate in a political campaign in any way. As an organization, we are therefore prevented from campaigning for Deval Patrick. As individuals, of course, we are free to engage in whatever political activity we choose.

Membership

This newsletter is being mailed to all our members as part of our sustaining membership drive. Details about levels of membership and incentives are on page 4. Please consider becoming a sustaining member, at whatever level you are able. Our organization has accomplished some incredibly important work in the short time we have been on the scene, and our growth rate has been phenomenal. None of that would have been possible without our members, and we thank you for all of the time, enthusiasm, and energy you have given to the cause of renewable energy. There is still more crucial work to do, and to continue moving forward we need your financial support as well. Together, all of us who are part of Clean Power Now are creating a renewable energy future for our country and the world. Thank you.

**Introducing CHELSEA HARNISH,
CPN's new MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**



Chelsea Harnish, Membership Coordinator

Clean Power Now is proud to announce an addition to our staff. Chelsea Harnish, who lives in East Falmouth with her husband Chris, has just come on board this month as our first-ever Membership Coordinator, joining Executive Director Matt Palmer and Office Administrator Pam Patrick in our Hyannis office. With her recent experience as the local Greenpeace campaigner for the offshore wind-farm project, and as the coordinator of Representative Matt Patrick's successful campaign in 2004, Chelsea brings her skill as a grassroots organizer and her passion for environmental activism to a

renewed focus on expanding and supporting our membership.

Chelsea received a B.S. in marine science from the University of South Carolina, and a M.A. from Boston University's Marine Science Program in Woods Hole.

It was during her time in Woods Hole that she became interested in community outreach and activism. "I felt a need to do more with the knowledge I gained during my studies and found that grassroots campaigning was the answer" she said. Chelsea further developed her grassroots organizing skills while attending a seminar with Camp Wellstone, a national training center for people interested in progressive change (founded in honor of the legacy of the late Minnesota Senator, Paul Wellstone). "That was the key that unlocked the door for me", she noted.

Chelsea says she was a supporter of the Cape Wind project from the moment she first heard about it, but did not become actively involved in the issue until the town referendum elections in Mashpee this past May. "I am excited to be a part of a grassroots organization that is making a difference in my community" Chelsea said. And we are delighted to have her on board as well... she will be a valuable member of the CPN team.

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YOUR CALENDAR**

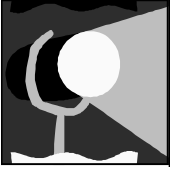
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 7 pm,
at the Yarmouth Senior Center, 528 Forest Road, Yarmouth**
JOIN US for a Free Video Screening and Wine Reception.

We will be showing Liz Argo's latest video, *"The Vision and the View: Denmark, 2005"*. This 30-minute video was filmed during Clean Power Now's second trip to Denmark this past May.

Please join us following the screening for a reception featuring free wine, beer, cheese and crackers, and an opportunity to chat with some of the Denmark travelers, fellow members of Clean Power Now, and interested persons from the community.

Copies of the DVD will be available for distribution to anyone willing to share it with others to help get the word about the merits of wind power and the successful Danish experience with this clean, renewable energy source.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE...this issue featuring



Peter Schlesinger

Starting with this current publication of "The Vision", we plan to highlight a different board member of Clean Power Now in each subsequent issue, so that you, our members can get to know us better. Here, in his own words, is Peter Schlesinger... a board member since 2003, who has been active in all aspects of CPN communications, from website management to participating in public demonstrations, staffing information tables and holding signs at stand-out events.

"I am a New Englander, having lived in this region continuously longer than any other place. I grew up in New Hampshire and spent 4 years at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, where I studied English, with a specialty in Journalism (and the Grateful Dead). I have resided in Massachusetts since 1988, through graduate school at Clark University in Worcester, studying International Development (M.A., 1991) and specializing in the use of Geographic Information Systems technologies.

I have been an ecological scientist and geographer with the Woods Hole Research Center (Woods Hole) from 1989 to the present. Prior to graduate school, I worked in farming and agricultural extension in Israel's Negev and West Africa's Sahara deserts as a Peace Corps Volunteer for five years. I have had the opportunity to travel extensively through professional activity to Africa, South America, Europe, and Russia. This all sounds rosy, but though I have also lived for a time on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach (Florida), I have also experienced life on welfare and surviving on food stamps. I once lost everything I owned in an apartment building fire, leaving me penniless and owning nothing but a pair of jeans, sneakers, and a ragtop truck.

My environmental philosophy began through my contact with my grandfather and my mother, each of whom had instilled in

me in their own way a value for protecting living things (plants and animals), protecting nature from humans, and surviving with less. As well, living and travelling a long time abroad in developing countries gave me an extreme appreciation for the value of the earth's human, natural and physical resources. The shocks experienced upon returning to the US each time have been extremely important experiences which vividly demonstrated the stark contrast between the cultures of the have-nots and the gotta-get-mores.



Peter Schlesinger

We Americans are but a small percentage of Earth's peoples, yet we demand, consume, and think we have a basic right to use more of her resources than any other people. As a Peace Corps Volunteer nearly twenty years ago, living in a mud hut without electricity, running water, basic communications, or reliable transport, I learned to appreciate the opposite end of the consumption lifestyle that we in the US deem requisite to our survival.

What were essentials to the Halpulaar farmers I lived with then were food, water, shelter from the sun, and relationships with family and community. There were few cars and trucks in the country and none in our village; we lived virtually without petroleum.

Today, I live in Sandwich with radiant heat, solar-powered electricity, and drive a vehicle fueled by waste vegetable oil. It is not that I have great wealth to spend on these luxuries, but that I have made a conscious choice to raise my family using as little petroleum as I can, to do what I can to have an impact on our health, and work to overcome global warming. For me, Clean Power Now isn't so much an organization, as it is a way of life."

OUR NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Membership in Clean Power Now has always been free, and that will continue to be an option (entitling one to receive our regular mailings and e-mail updates) but THIS year, for the first time, *committed* members can join our **Sustaining Membership Program**, whereby one can have the satisfaction of knowing that their financial contribution will further enable and sustain the meaningful work of this grassroots citizens' organization. You can:

- ▲ Become a **Kilowatt Member for \$25/year or more**. In appreciation, we will send you a special colored "YES" bumper sticker identifying you as a Sustaining Member.
- ▲ Become a **Megawatt Member for \$100/year or more**. In appreciation, we will send you a 2006 Clean Power Now/Denmark wall calendar.
- ▲ Become a **Gigawatt Member for \$250/year or more**. For your very generous contribution, we will send you something quite special and unique—your very own desktop model of a wind turbine!

BECOME A CLEAN POWER NOW SUSTAINING MEMBER TODAY! THANK YOU!