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The Vision

From Matt Palmer, Executive Director

The past year has been a successful one, for Clean Power Now, the Cape Wind project,



Matt Palmer

and for renewable energy. Wind energy in the US grew at an unprecedented rate, with 2,500 MW of capacity being added, according to the *American Wind Energy Association*. This was partly driven by the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which extended the Production Tax Credit (PTC) through 2007. Not to be confused with a subsidy, the PTC is a credit given to renewable energy facilities for each unit of clean power they produce.

Also included in the Energy Policy Act was the transfer of responsibility for offshore wind regulation to the Minerals Management Service. This transfer is an important and positive development for both the Cape Wind project and the future of offshore wind. The Cape Wind project's federal permit process is now in the hands of the federal agency with the greatest experience in offshore development. Both supporters and opponents of Cape Wind have applauded this transfer. Now it is time to finish the permitting process.

This year, we are looking

forward to having Barbara Hill on our Board of Directors. Please turn to page 3 for more information on Barbara. We will also be updating much of the content on our website, starting with the Frequently Asked Questions. Please check out our new FAQ's at www.cleanpowernow.org. If we have left any question unanswered, please let us know so we can address it.

This coming year will be a crucial one for our organization and the Nantucket Sound wind farm. The Minerals Management Service will re-issue the Draft Environmental Impact statement this spring, and public comments will be heard in the summer. As we learn more details about the hearings, we will let all our members know. We encourage everyone to participate in this important public process and show your support for renewable energy.

MMS Offshore Wind Regulations

In addition to becoming the lead agency for the federal Cape Wind permit, the Minerals Management Service is also responsible for developing comprehensive regulations focused on offshore alternative energy. As part of this process, MMS is asking for public comment before they write their draft regulations. We encourage all our members to provide their thoughts and comments to the Minerals Management Service to help them create a regulatory environment that

will promote and expedite the development of viable offshore wind projects.

There are many program areas that the Minerals Management Service will be asking for comment on. Complete details are available on our website, including the Federal Register entry announcing the comment period. *Continued on Page 2*

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CPN ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2005

As 2005 comes to a close and we reflect on the past year, we realize we have come a long way, and we can be proud that our efforts have resulted in the following accomplishments:

- Our membership has grown to over 5,000 individuals.
- A Cape Cod times survey established that the tide of public opinion has turned and more Cape Codders than ever before support the wind farm - local public opinion is evenly divided.
- Clean Power Now hosted its second trip to Denmark and released a video entitled "The Vision and the View - Denmark 2005, produced by board member Liz Argo. Get your **free copy of the video** by calling us at (508) 775-7796 or emailing windfarm@cleanpowernow.org
- Towns across the Cape are exploring other wind power options, including land-based turbines in addition to the proposed offshore wind farm for Nantucket Sound.
- By providing factual information to the public, Clean Power Now has successfully increased awareness of the need and urgency of developing renewable energy sources. Public discourse on the Cape Wind project is keeping the subject very much in the minds of citizens state-wide and across the nation.

Our successes are only possible, however, with the support of members and friends like YOU.

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In brief, here are a few areas which are important to renewable energy advocates:

- ▲ Priority should be given to renewable energy over other uses of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)
- ▲ MMS rules should result in a clear, well-defined permitting process
- ▲ Competition for OCS renewable energy sites should be based on providing the greatest economic benefit to local residents

The comment period ends on February 28, 2006. Details on how to submit comments are on our website, and the last page of this newsletter. Please feel free to contact us in you have any questions.

DENMARK DVD AIRING SCHEDULE ON LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS TV STATIONS

Clean Power Now's latest DVD, "The Vision and the View: Denmark, 2005," a 30-minute video filmed during CPN's second trip to Denmark last May by Cape videographer Liz Argo, has been distributed to interested individuals (**please let us know if you want one**) as well as to Cape libraries and public access television stations across Massachusetts.

Here are links to some websites so you can check when this video will air in your community:

Mid-Cape: C3TV: www.c3tv.org

Falmouth: www.fctv.org

Sandwich: www.sandwichtv.org

Here is a useful link to a list of the websites of many of the local community access television stations in Massachusetts: <http://www.communitymedia.se/cat/linksma.htm>

If you have a public access television station in YOUR community, AND you would be willing to help spread the word about the assets of wind power by delivering a copy of our DVD to your local station to air, please let us know.

Our Members in the Press: Richard Bartlett / Eric Gehring

Barnstable Patriot 11/25/05:

The perils to people of pollution

The World Health Organization tells us that pollution is killing three million people every year, 3,000,000! That is 1,000 times the number of victims of 9/11, and it happens every year! Whatever number the bird flu, if it spreads to pandemic proportion, is unlikely to match that death toll.

So, what is our government doing about this known massive fratricide? They passed the Clear Skies Act, making it easier for industries to increase their pollution. They passed an energy bill giving lavish handouts to fossil-fueled power plants and tossing a few crumbs to developers of emission-free renewables. They refused to require Detroit's automakers to build cars with better mileage and lower emissions. They refused to sign on to Kyoto, which is one of the reasons we have gone from being the most admired to becoming the most reviled country.

Going from world and national considerations to our local, beautiful Cape Cod, we have a chance to be a leader in the crusade to reduce pollution. Cape Wind would make a small contribution globally, but will be extremely significant for our area. The American Lung Association and Harvard's School of Public Health study says 12 to 15 lives per year would be saved if Cape Wind's turbines were in place, and huge reductions in asthma and other lung diseases, giving many of

our neighbors relief and cutting our state's health care costs astronomically.

Knowing all this for several years, how can our politicians be so callous? Their opposition, in fact, makes them killers. Sounds harsh, but how can they escape the charge when they go to all kinds of lengths to stall or prohibit saving all those lives? Compassion is absent.

And all of us, in many small ways, can change our lifestyles in terms of energy conservation, from cars to light bulbs. We can insist the pols get it right. Maybe an individual can't change the world, but if we all did our share, some ecological disasters could be ameliorated, and lives could be saved. Want to help?

Richard C. Bartlett, Cotuit, MA

Boston Herald 12/17/05:

RE "Wind farm crowd no fans of RFK"

Of all people, ardent environmentalist RFK Jr. should understand that our current energy sources are drastically more harmful to our environment than wind will ever be, most especially regarding global warming. And yet he opposes a project that is the single most beneficial step we could presently take as a nation to curb our greenhouse gas emissions despite spending his life campaigning against climate change and the numerous other consequences of our addiction to fossil fuels. How sad that such a wonderful voice for our environment can allow himself to be marginalized so easily with his blatant hypocrisy.

Eric Gehring, Roslindale, MA

For the complete details/sources of any facts mentioned herein, please see

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Emissions from the Canal Power Plant in Sandwich...

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE...this issue introducing



CPN's newest board member, BARBARA HILL



Barbara Hill

Barbara J. Hill was born and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. After graduating in 1977 from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia with a

BA in English Literature, she decided to pursue her dream of writing and moved to the village of Chatham on Cape Cod.

She began her career in the non-profit sector in 1981 as the Director of the Cape & Islands Fuel Assistance Program for South Shore Community Action Council. She continued on to Housing Assistance Corporation, Cape & Islands Self-Reliance Corp., and the Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod, where she worked in a variety of management positions focusing on public relations, fund raising and building relationships between the non-profit sector and the business community. For the past three years she was the Pro-

ject Manager for Offshore Wind with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC), Renewable Energy Trust. In 2002 she was part of the team that designed and implemented the Cape and Islands Offshore Wind Stakeholder process which provided the public with an objective forum to discuss the proposal by Cape Wind Associates to construct 130 wind turbines in Nantucket Sound. The process created a venue for engaging more than 40 stakeholders in a series of meetings, with the primary objective of making the joint federal/state/regional permitting process for the Cape Wind project as transparent and clear as possible in order to facilitate productive participation by concerned citizens.

She also served as a member of the Offshore Wind Energy Collaborative Organizing Group consisting of MTC, GE and the U.S. Department of Energy. The Organizing Group along with RESOLVE, Inc. worked with approximately 60 individuals over one year representing the environmental, industry, regulatory, and marine

interests to help develop the scope for the document *A Framework for Offshore Wind Energy Development in the United States*. The purpose of the *Framework* is to propose an agenda designed to address the technical, environmental, economic, and regulatory issues critical to enabling the development of offshore wind energy as a commercially, and environmentally sustainable energy resource. The document, which was published in August of 2005, lays out the pathway for defining and achieving the potential for offshore wind energy in the United States, with an emphasis on the Northeast as an initial focus for regional development.

Barbara volunteered with the Pops by the Sea committee in its early years prior to the formation of the Arts Foundation and was one of the drivers behind the idea of returning the proceeds from the annual concert back to the community in the form of grants. She served on the Barnstable Planning Board for one term.

She lives in Centerville with her 18-year-old son Kahlil Peckham.

BECOME A CLEAN POWER NOW SUSTAINING MEMBER! THANKS TO A GENEROUS MATCHING GRANT, YOUR GIFT OF \$2,000 or less WILL BE WORTH TWICE AS MUCH TO CPN!

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**,

- ▲ Become a **Kilowatt Member** for \$25/year or more., and we'll send you a special Sustaining Member bumper sticker!
- ▲ Become a **Megawatt Member** for \$100/year or more, and we'll send you our 2006 Clean Power Now/Denmark calendar!
- ▲ Become a **Gigawatt Member** for \$250/year or more., and we'll send you something quite unique—your very own desktop model of a wind turbine! □ CHECK HERE IF YOU PREFER NOT TO RECEIVE THANK-YOU PREMIUM (S).

You can now make contributions by credit card (MC, Visa, AMEX, Discover) online at www.cleanpowernow.org

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**MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
ACCEPTING COMMENTS DURING
RULEMAKING PROCESS**

With the signing of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) was granted new responsibilities over federal offshore renewable energy and related uses of America's offshore public lands, also known as the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Ultimately, it is the MMS which will have the final say with regard to permitting the Cape Wind proposal for the offshore wind farm in Nantucket Sound.

The MMS is currently accepting comments to be considered during the upcoming rulemaking process.

Please consider supporting our efforts in advocating for the proposed Cape Wind project by sending *your* written comments.

To do so, either visit our website (www.CleanPowerNow.org) to send your comments electronically via a link to MMS "Public Connect" - OR - mail to the postal address below:

Minerals Management Service
Attn: Rules Processing Team
381 Elden Street
Herndon, VA 20170-4817

Please reference "Alternate Energy-Related Uses on the Outer Continental Shelf – 1010–AD30" in your comments.

**NOTE: THE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS FEBRUARY 28, 2006,
SO PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

MANY THANKS!



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
NEW FAQs, ETC.**

Membership Coordinator Chelsea Harnish and members of the CPN board have been working on updating the Clean Power Now website, providing fresh information and making it even more user-friendly for members and visitors to our site.

If you haven't visited us at www.CleanPowerNow.org lately, you should definitely take some time to do so, and check out our "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

A new element to watch for on the site is a section that will assist interested letter writers address their concerns to our legislators and others. *CHECK IT OUT!*