CAPE COD
COMMISSION

New England Wind 1 Connector (CCC. File No. 22005) Development of Regional Impact Subcommittee Meeting

DRAFT Minutes | May 1, 2023 at 5:00p.m.

Held virtually via Zoom

Summary of Actions Taken/Votes at Meeting

- Vote to recommend the draft written decision with amendments as discussed for adoption by the full Cape Cod Commission and approval of the project

List of Materials Used/Presented

- Draft DRI Decision
- PowerPoint Presentation

Fred Chirigotis, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. He read the meeting notice and provided instructions on how to use the Zoom platform. He then called roll, with himself, Kevin Grunwald, Harold Mitchell, Richard Roy, and Thomas Wilson in attendance.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting. Mr. Mitchell said that he remembered Mr. Grunwald making the motion attributed to him in the draft minutes. Mr. Grunwald concurred. Jeffrey Ribeiro, Cape Cod Commission Regulatory Planner, said that staff would go back to the recording and verify. The Chair postponed action on the minutes and asked for the staff comments.

Mr. Ribeiro provided brief comments with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation. He provided an overview of edits made to the draft DRI decision since the April 24, 2023 hearing using a PowerPoint presentation. He said that changes suggested by the Town that were not incorporated were on topics that exceed the approval requirements related to Regional Policy Plan (RPP) consistency.

The Chair identified Barnstable Town Attorney Charlie McLoughlin and asked if he would like to provide any comments. Atty. McLoughlin said that he and Planning Director Elizabeth Jenkins had a good conversation with Commission staff. He said that he hopes in the future the Commission adopts more stringent regulations for groundwater protection outside of existing groundwater

protection districts. He said that he understands that the requirements the Town negotiated in the Host Community Agreement are outside of the scope of Commission review, but the resource will be protected through that document. He said that Town staff has operated as a neutral broker and noted that there is no intent to influence any local boards with jurisdiction over the project, including the Conservation Commission.

The Chair asked the applicant for any comments.

Pat Johnson of Avangrid said that he is amenable to the decision including the edits discussed. He thanked Commission staff.

The Chair asked for discussion from the subcommittee.

Mr. Wilson said that he is pleased that the project will provide clean energy. He said that he is in favor of the draft decision, including the stated benefits, detriments, and conditions.

The Chair then asked for a motion to recommend the draft written decision with amendments as discussed for adoption by the full Cape Cod Commission and approval of the project. Mr. Grunwald made the motion, and Mr. Wilson seconded. The Chair took the vote by roll call with himself, Mr. Grunwald, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Roy, and Mr. Wilson all in favor.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn and Mr. Grunwald seconded. The Chair took a vote by roll call with himself, Mr. Grunwald, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Roy, and Mr. Wilson all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.