

Summary of Key Points from “Beyond Cape Wind” Visioning, 12.01.06

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1. Recommendations for Patrick-Murray Transition Team

- Develop vision and implement strategy to guide policy
- Join Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
- Change excise tax from value basis to fuel efficiency (carbon) basis, penalizing inefficiency through high fees and rewarding high efficiency through credits
- Fix the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative – many issues
- Create and fund incubators for energy efficiency businesses
- Change legislation to allow towns to maximize benefit from municipal wind/renewables projects – many issues
- Address issues relating to community-based renewables projects in federal, state, and local waters
- Make all DCAM projects green

2. Goals/Milestones for the Cape & Islands Region

- Generate sufficient renewable energy to meet 100% of electricity needs by 2020
- Reduce fossil fuel use by 50% in 2020, relative to 2006 consumption
- Implement energy budgets
- Establish locally owned renewable energy utility/cooperative
- Involve the public

3. Actions for the Cape & Islands Region

- Implement energy enterprise zones to encourage innovation, efficiency, and renewables in designated growth centers
- Create an incubator to grow local efficiency/renewables businesses
- Continue and expand workforce development activities and training of practitioners, consumers, and officials
- Enhance the Cape Light Compact’s role
 - Change board direction
 - Increase efficiency investment for C&I consumers
 - Implement stepped pricing to encourage efficiency
 - Improve and grow CLC’s green offerings
 - Green up basic supply mix to exceed RPS requirements
 - Use local vendors for efficiency/renewables programs
- Engage towns and counties
 - Form energy committees and hire coordinators
 - Join ICLEI CCPC campaign and CCRFP
 - Re-commission all municipal facilities
- Make energy awareness sexy, make public involvement easy

4. Actions for CIREC

- Formalize steering committee responsibilities and participation
- Engage/secure commitment from more collaborating organizations
- “Get real” – become 501(c)3/develop relations with Self-Reliance; get fundraising expertise on steering committee

Attendees

John Abrams , South Mountain Co.	Alison Alessi , A+E Architects
Megan Amsler , Cape & Islands Self-Reliance	Mary Jane Curran , Cape Cod Community College
Dan Dray , Cape Cod Economic Development Council	Phil Forest , South Mountain Co.
Joe Hackler , Woods Hole Research Center	Barbara Hill , Clean Power Now
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Theresa Martin , Cape Cod Technology Council	Joan Muller , Waquoit Bay Research Reserve
Wendy Northcross , Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce	Chris Powicki , WEEinfo Services
Bruce Torrey , Building Diagnostics	Tana Watt , Cape Cod Commission
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