

## **Chatham-Harwich Newcomers General Meeting for March 16, 2009**

### Minutes for General Meeting

10:05 a.m. Vice President Mike Cimini opened the meeting with a warm greeting to all our members.

The meeting was turned over to Jack Wyatt, who introduced our speakers, Briana Kane, Residential Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Amy Voll, Marketing, and Deborah Fitton, Energy Education Coordinator from the Cape Light Compact. Ms. Kane went over three areas, power supply, consumer advocacy and energy efficiency. Cape Light Compact represents all 15 Cape Cod towns and Martha's Vineyard. It was formed since deregulation in 1997. Some energy saving tips, using energy star products, check windows and doors, turn lights and appliances off when not in use. Electronic items should be turned off at the power strip when not in use. Window shades pulled down at night and opened in the morning to let the sun in. Spread the news! Contact [capelightcompact.org](http://capelightcompact.org) for further information.

Business meeting followed:

Secretary's report was posted on the web site and accepted.

Treasurer Don Kolp reported that we have a balance of \$8725 in the bank and no outstanding bills. There is available working capital of \$4356. Report accepted as read.

Mike reminded members to sign up for the Spring Dance, April 19, at the Wequasset Inn and CONCH members have been invited to attend.

Betty Hann, Activity Chairperson encouraged members to sign up as chairpersons for an activity they enjoy. If anyone is interested to contact Suzy McDowell who will be the next year's Activity Chairperson.

Mark McGrath will be beginning a hiking highlights program that will be once in the spring and once in Boston, late May or June. See Mark for further details if interested.

Barbara Lynyak reported the following planned events from the Day Travel Committee.

1. Big Apple weekend in New York, is planned for April 3-5, includes theater tickets, dinner, etc. Option would be to take the bus to New York only.
2. April 27 will be a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, presented by garden clubs.
3. June 23, a tour of the Boston Globe and Harvard University and Harvard Square hot spots is planned.
4. August, a waterfire trip to Providence.
5. In the works would be a day in Provincetown including a dune buggy ride. Any other suggestions are welcomed.

Evelyn Nostramd from CONCH is planning a trip to Washington D.C. for \$849. per person and a Boston Harbor Cruise in June and a trip to the Isabella Gardner Museum. All Newcomers are welcome to join, if interested.

Eve Dalmonen will be taking orders now and at the May meeting for golf shirts and hats with the Chatham Harwich Newcomers logo on the. Shirts \$20 and Hats \$10.

There will be no Cranberry Festival parade in Harwich this year. The July 4 parade in Chatham is hoping to have a group participate. At the May meeting sign ups will be available, if interested.

Suzanne Burley is planning a bicycle group trip to Block Island, May 15-17, staying at the Atlantic Inn.

New Members who recently joined Newcomers were introduced by Mike.

At 11:15 the meeting was concluded.