

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
WIND ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 9, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARYJANE TOOMEY, STEVE HOPKINS, JODY WENZEL, FRANCIS BARNEY, RICHARD POWERS.

ALTERNATE PRESENT: JOHN NILES.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: DIANE CARY-DINGLE, MARY WITHERELL, WAYNE ASHLEY, NANCY HORAN, STEPHEN LINDBERG, CONNIE VITALE, AMBER LINDSEY, LOREN SNELL, KEVIN SIGOUMEY, SANDY MAINE, ELI SOCHIA, RICHARD EAKINS, DEAN LAUBSCHER, BOB EMMETT, NALE ALLEN, RACHEL MARTIN, LUKE MARTIN, JACK KELLEY, DEVIN KELLEY, CINDY ELLIOTT NILES, SCOTT MCDONALD, DAN MURDIE, BRANDON PEASLEE, LESLIE HICKMAN, ALBERT HICKMAN, MEGAN HICKMAN, CHRISTINA SNELL, BETH ROSENBARKER, JOHN MAHONEY, JOSEPH PEASE, JANICE PEASE, TOM WHITESSELL, PAT WALZER, FORREST GALLIAN.

FRANCIS BARNEY CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT KEVIN SIGOUMEY.

PUBLIC COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- RESIDENT OF CHATEAUGAY, NY (JERICHO RISE PROJECT)
- WITHIN 1/3 AND 1/2 MILE FROM TURBINES
- SAID WECS SOUND LIKE MINI JET ENGINES
- REQUESTED SOUND TEST
- COMPLAINED OF HEADACHES, INSOMNIA, PAIN & RINGING IN EARS, LIGHTHEADEDNESS
- FILED COMPLAINT WITH TOWN AND EDP.

SCOTT MCDONALD FROM AVANGRID ADDRESSED MEETING WITH INFORMATION ON ICE THROWS:

- RISK ASSESSMENT TO REDUCE RISK OF OCCURRENCE
- PROBABILITY DECREASES SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND BLADE LENGTH
- TURBINES MONITORED CONSTANTLY
- OPERATION CENTER IN PORTLAND, OREGON
- ICING CAUSES CHANGES IN BLADE FLEX, ROTATION SLOWS & UNBALANCE RESULTING IN TURBINE SHUT DOWN
- AN ICE THROW EVENT IS MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR AT START UP THEREFORE AN INSPECTION PRIOR TO START UP SHOULD BE DONE TO REDUCE RISK
- A SPECIFIC PROTOCOL FOR AN ICING EVENT HAS TO BE PROVIDED FOR ARTICLE 10.

FRANCIS BARNEY TO SPEAK WITH HOPKINTON TOWN BOARD ON COMMUNITY WIND PROJECT SURVEY FOR HOPKINTON RESIDENTS TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE MARCH MEETING.

THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD REVIEWED THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON REVISED DRAFT FOR MORE CHANGES.

- SETBACKS CHANGED FROM 3,500 FEET TO 2,500 FEET.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR TOWN OF HOPKINTON FROM 2011 ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED ON THE ATTACHED COPY. THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM TO RESPOND TO THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR, FRANCIS BARNEY REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL DRAFT. THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN BOARD WHEN ALL MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED THE FINAL DRAFT.

THE NEXT WIND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT THE HOPKINTON TOWN HALL. THIS MEETING WILL BE A FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOPKINTON TOWN BOARD ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT. THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD HAS INVITED AVANGRID RENEWABLES TO BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING ALSO.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:28 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)