

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
WIND ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 2, 2017**

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

ALTERNATE PRESENT: JOHN NILES.

MEMBERS ABSENT: SUE WOOD, GILBERT SOCHIA.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: D. RICE, WAYNE ASHLEY, MARY WITHERELL, ROBERT BLUM, MILES WOLPIN, ROBIN WOLPIN, GEORGIA MACY, CINDY ELLIOTT NILES, SCOTT MCDONALD, DAN MURDIE, STEVE BORY, MICHAEL TOOMEY, RICHARD EAKINS, KRISTEN CHEVIER, ELSIE DOMINY, CHARLES DOMINY, LUKE DAILEY, NANCY HORAN, LORI WITHERELL, FRANK POTENZANO, PETER KRAENGEL, GREG ERMOLD, RICHARD BURNETT III, SCOTT DURANT, MATTHEW PARKER, AUDREY GILBERT, PATRICK MCMAHON, KELLY PULLANO, SHERRY BLUM, AMBER LINDSEY, TINA BURNETT, SANDY MAINE, DOUGLAS WITHERELL, JON BAIN, LAEF ANDERSON, ROBERT RICHARDS, JACK KELLEY, MICHAEL PERRY, MARSHALL STEVENSON.

RICHARD POWERS CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

WIND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MADE INTRODUCTIONS TO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

MR POWERS MADE ANNOUNCEMENT THE MEETING WAS A WORKING SESSION AND THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT SINCE THE MARCH 6TH MEETING WILL BE ENTIRELY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

DISCUSSION REGARDING WIND OVERLAY ZONE:

- QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE WAB WILL PROCEED WITH CREATION OF WIND OVERLAY ZONE.
- PLACEMENT OF TOWERS IN TIMBERED AREAS?
- ARTICLE 10 PROCESS DISCUSSION.
- EFFECTS OF WIND OVERLAY ZONE ON LEASES?
- PROXIMITY TO APA BOUNDARY?
- LEGAL ADVICE TO BE ASCERTAINED.
- COMPLETE DRAFT OF REVISED TOWN LAW BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH WIND OVERLAY ZONE.
- CREATION OF WIND OVERLAY ZONE POSPONED TO LATER DATE.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON:

- SMALL WECS WITH RATED CAPACITY LESS THAN 5 KW EXEMPT FROM LAW (SECTION 32.B).
- SECTION 11.A.5.g CHANGED TO RATIO WITH TOWER HEIGHT.
- REVIEW CHANGES TO SECTION 17 NOISE STANDARDS AND NOISE COMPLIANCE MONITORING.
- ADDED SETBACKS FOR HISTORICAL SITE AND APA BOUNDARY AND CHANGED SETBACKS TO RATIO WITH PROPOSED TOWER HEIGHT.
- REVIEWED CHANGES TO SECTION 19 WEF REAL PROPERTY VALUE PROTECTION AGREEMENT.

DISCUSSION OF FORMAT TO MARCH 6TH MEETING.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE REVISED TOWN WEF LOCAL LAW BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD VOTES.

THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR TOWN OF HOPKINTON FROM 2011 ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ON THE ATTACHED COPY. THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN BOARD WHEN ALL MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED THE DRAFT.

THE NEXT WIND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT THE HOPKINTON TOWN HALL. THIS MEETING WILL BE A FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:
MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)