

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
WIND ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

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

ALTERNATE PRESENT: JOHN NILES.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

PRESENT: SUSAN WOOD (SUPERVISOR).

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: MICHAELA TOOMEY, MICHAEL TOOMEY, RICHARD EAKINS, LAURA MURPHY, VERONICA BRADLEY, DEBORAH RUST, MICHAEL CLAYTON, SCOTT MCDONALD, DAN MURDIE, SANDY MAINE, AMBER LINDSEY, ANNA SNELL, CHRISTINA SNELL, JANICE PEASE, BILL & SHERRY BARKLEY, LESLIE HICKMAN, LUKE DAILEY, KATHLEEN & FRANK POTENZANO.

FRANCIS BARNEY CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY SANDY MAINE, SCOTT MCDONALD, JANICE PAESE AND RICHARD EAKINS.

THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD BEGAN REVIEWING THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FROM SECTION 17. NOISE STANDARDS AND SETBACKS FOR WECS ON PAGE 28 THROUGH SECTION 28. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS FOR SMALL WECS ON PAGE 37.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 17.A AS FOLLOWS:

The statistical sound pressure level generated by a WECS shall not exceed forty-five (45) L10 A-weighted decibels (dBA) measured at the site **boundary** property line.

(boundary added throughout law were applicable)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 17.F POSTPONED.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 19.B AS FOLLOWS:

The applicant shall make available (subject to a non-disclosure agreement) to the Town Board all reports to and from the purchaser of energy from the individual Wind Energy Conversion Systems necessary to prove the WECS is functioning **on a monthly basis**, which reports may be redacted as necessary to protect proprietary information.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 19.C AS FOLLOWS:

Decommissioning Fund **placed in an Escrow Account.**

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 21.A AS FOLLOWS:

Testing Fund. A WECS Permit shall contain a requirement that the applicant fund periodic **testing by a qualified independent third party of all permit requirements** which may be required as often as **biannually**, or more frequently upon request of the Town **Wind Advisory** Board in response to complaints by neighbors. **Funds for the above testing to be included in Escrow Account.**

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 21.C AS FOLLOWS:

Notwithstanding any other abatement provision under this Local Law, and consistent with 18(A) and 20(B), if the WECS is not repaired or made operational or brought into permit compliance after said notice, the Town may, after a public hearing at which the operator or owner shall **have the** opportunity to be heard and present evidence, including a plan to come into compliance, (1) order either remedial action within a particular time frame, or (2) order revocation of the Wind Energy Permit for the WECS and require the removal of the WECS within 180 days. **Then** after removal of the WECS an additional 90 days will be allowed for the tower site to be restored to pre-tower condition.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 23.A.5 AS FOLLOWS:

Detailed Decommissioning Plan, which shall include **funds in Escrow Account** for removal.

THE NEXT WIND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 AT 7:00 PM AT THE HOPKINTON TOWN HALL.

THE AGENDA WILL BE TO RESUME REVIEW OF THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, STARTING WITH SECTION 29. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SMALL WECS ON PAGE 37 AND REVISIT SECTION 17.F. TOPICS BROUGHT TO FLOOR AT PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ADDRESSED.

THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN BOARD WHEN FINISHED REVIEWING LAW COMPLETELY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)