

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
WIND ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 12, 2017**

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

ALTERNATE PRESENT: NONE.

MEMBERS ABSENT: SUE WOOD.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: ELI SOCHIA, FRANK POTENZANO, SCOTT MCDONALD, BRANDON PEASLEE, CINDY ELLIOTT NILES, KATHY MACKAY, AMY MITCHELL, LISA GRAY, KATHRYN BENHAM, AMBER LINDSEY, KELLY PULLANO, SANDY MAINE, GARY SNELL, JOSIE SEVERTSON, KIRK SEVERTSON, RICHARD EAKINS, LUKE DAILEY, NANCY HORAN, LORI WITHERELL, KELLY CHARLESON, JANICE PEASE, JOE SNELL, DOLORES RICE, ANGELA SPEAR.

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

MR. POWERS READ MEETING GUIDELINES.

PUBLIC COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **AMY MITCHELL** - WHY REAL PROPERTY PROTECTION PLAN DECREASED TO 1 MILE?
2. **GARY SNELL** - CHANGE SETBACKS TO 6X OR 7X, WANTS 35 DBA ACROSS THE BOARD, NOT TO INCREASE WIND OVERLAY ZONE TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 72.
3. **LUKE DAILEY** - PROTECT HEALTH, SAFETY AND PROPERTY VALUES, WAB MAKING CHANGES TO BENEFIT WIND COMPANY.
4. **KATHY MACKAY** - PURPOSE OF WIND ADVISORY BOARD?
5. **DICK EAKINS** - NO REASON NOT TO EXPAND WIND OVERLAY ZONE, DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LEASE HOLDERS SOUTH OF ROUTE 72.
6. **NANCY HORAN** - DOES NOT WANT WIND TURBINES, SHE'S BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.
7. **DOLORES RICE** - DECOMMISSIONING FUND CHOICES, DOES NOT WANT LETTER OF CREDIT.
8. **LORI WITHERELL** - VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, CHILDREN AND ELDERLY NEED TO BE PROTECTED FROM HEALTH ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH WECS.
9. **KELLY CHARLESON** - NOTHING IN TOWN LAW REGARDING INFRASOUND, MAX 35 DBA FOR 24 HOURS/DAY, 5-6 DBA INCREASE IS A DISTURBANCE, WIND COMPANY PICKING CONSULTANT.
10. **JANICE PEASE** - DAVID & GOLIATH, DON'T BE AFRAID OF ARTICLE 10, FIGHT WIND COMPANY.
11. **JOE SNELL** - LEARNED ABOUT TURBINES & DOES NOT WANT THEM NOW.
12. **CINDY NILES** - CAN THEY GUARANTEE NO TURBINES OVER 500 FEET.
13. **AMBER LINDSEY** - WANTS REGULARLY SCHEDULED WAB MEETINGS, PUBLISHED AHEAD OF TIME.
14. **KATHRYN BENHAM** - GLAD LIVES INSIDE PARK.
15. **ANGELA SPEAR** - BOUGHT SMALL FARM AND MOVED HERE FROM SYRACUSE, DOES NOT WANT WIND FARM AND NEIGHBOR IS LEASEHOLDER.
16. **SCOTT MCDONALD** - WITHOUT TOWN ZONING, HOW CAN WAB CREATE WIND OVERLAY ZONE?

JOHN NILES APPOINTED TO WAB (5 YEAR TERM).

JODY WENZEL VOLUNTEERED FOR VICE CHAIR POSITION (2 YEAR TERM).

ALL IN AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT GREEN WIND OVERLAY ZONE TO TOWN BOARD. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR APRIL 26, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT THE HOPKINTON TOWN HALL. WILL ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS SENT TO TOWN OFFICE. WAB VOTE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING.

REVIEWED CHANGES TO DRAFT OF WIND LAW. WILL DISCUSS CHANGES TO NOISE STANDARDS AND SETBACKS AT NEXT MEETING. THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR TOWN OF HOPKINTON ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE. THE PREVIOUS COLORED DRAFT CHANGES WILL BE CHANGED TO BLACK AND THE DRAFT WILL BE RESTRUCTURED.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)