

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
WIND ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 25, 2017**

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

ALTERNATE PRESENT: NONE.

MEMBERS ABSENT: SUE WOOD.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: GARY SNELL, RACHEL MARTIN, LUKE MARTIN, BILL CONVERSE, CINDY NILES, LORI WITHERELL, DOUG WITHERELL, COREY SHELDON, MICHELLE HUTO, ERIC LEROUX, MEGAN CONVERSE, JOHN TRIELLER, JON DAVIS, NORMA DAVIS, RICHARD EAKINS, KIRK SEVERTSON, DEB RUST, JESSICA BURNETT, BILL BARKLEY, SHERRY BARKLEY, JACK KELLEY, BILL SHELLY, KATHLEEN POTENZANO, FRANK, POTENZANO, ELI SOCHIA, NANCY WALLIS, HENRY WALLIS, TIMOTHY KELLY, GAIL KELLY, KELLY PULLANO, SANDY MAINE, AMY MITCHELL, MARY WITHERELL, WAYNE ASHLEY, ROBERT BLUM, AMBER LINDSEY, LUKE DAILEY, JANICE PEASE, KATHY MACKAY, JOE SNELL, PAMELA CREIGHTON, R. DABY.

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

DISCUSSED ADDITION TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 34.C OF THE TOWN WIND LAW TO PROTECT AGAINST OTHER FUTURE AGREEMENTS. ALL IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **GAIL KELLY** – VISITED CHATEAUGAY PROJECT, BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY, SOME OF WECS BUILT IN US, APA HAS BUILT IN BUFFER ZONE.
2. **LUKE DAILEY** – 20 DBA RECOMMENDED BY J. COWAN, 35 DBA MAXIMUM FOR NIGHTTIME IN RURAL AREA.
3. **R. DABY** - SPEAKING VOICE @ 65 DBA, PARISHVILLE DAM @ 52 DBA, SCHOOL WITHIN 1800 FEET OF DAM, SCHOOL BUS @ 72-85 DBA WHICH OUR CHILDREN RIDE BACK & FORTH TO SCHOOL, GIVING IN TO ANTI'S.
4. **AMY MITCHELL** – NOISE HAS IMPACT (ANXIETY), LIKE'S QUIET AT HOME.
5. **BOB BLUM** – PROS & CONS ON ALL TOPICS, SET NOISE LIMITS AT 35 DBA, MOVES SETBACKS ALL TO 5X TOWER HEIGHT, THOUSANDS OF ABANDONED WECS IN US, TAKE STRONG STAND AGAINST WIND COMPANY.
6. **LUKE MARTIN** – LAWSUITS FILED AT HARDSCRABBLE WIND PROJECT, DOES NOT WANT PROBLEMS AT JERICHO RISE HERE.
7. **SANDY MAINE** –WIND COMPANY PROFIT DRIVEN, IMPROPER SITING OF WECS POSSIBLE, STRICTER SOUND LIMITS.
8. **GARY SNELL** – PLEASSED WITH CURRENT ADDITION TO TOWN LAW, AVOID PROBLEMS LIKE CHATEAUGAY (NOISE COMPLAINTS).
9. **JESSICA BURNETT** – NOISE LIMITS NOT ADEQUATE, NO GUIDELINES SET FOR MONITORING, DESCRIPTIONS INSUFFICIENT, MONITORING DEVICES SHOULD BE MANNED, WHO WILL BE AUTHORIZED USER TO ACCESS SOUND DATA, WHAT HAPPENS WITH SOUND VIOLATIONS.
10. **KATHY MACKAY** – CHANGE DESCRIPTION OF PARTICIPATING RESIDENCE TO WECS LEASE HOLDERS ONLY.
11. **LORI WITHERELL** – TESTING WIND SPEED LIMIT SHOULD BE BACK AT 30 MPH NOT 15 MPH, NOISE MONITORING CAN BE MANIPULATED, SHOULD BE UNDER CONTROL OF TOWN.
12. **JANICE PEASE** – INFRASOUND OCCURS 6.2 MILES FROM WECS.
13. **PAMELA CREIGHTON** – POPPING IN EARS THROUGH CHATEAUGAY PROJECT, CAN'T STAY AROUND WECS.
14. **KELLY PULLANO** – DECREASE IN TAX LEVY AT CHATEAUGAY SCHOOL, MAX 35 DBA SOUND LIMITS.
15. **NORMA DAVIS** – LOG TRUCKS & TRACTORS EXCEED 35 DBA, 5X TOWER HEIGHT EXCEEDS OTHER STANDARDS, SMALLER SETBACKS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT RESIDENTS.
16. **HENRY WALLIS** – FEAR TACTICS IN USE, RAISED FAMILY IN RESIDENCE NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS THAT NEVER MADE THEM ILL, INCREASED DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY HAS TO COME FROM SOME WHERE, BETTER WIND THAN COAL OR NUCLEAR.
17. **COREY SHELDON** – AVANGRID ONLY IN IT FOR BOTTOM LINE.
18. **RICHARD EAKINS** – REAL PROPERTY AGREEMENT VALUES SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXCEED ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE.
19. **JOE SNELL** – WANTS TO PROTECT PARISHVILLE & HOPKINTON FROM ADVERSE EFFECTS OF WIND PROJECT.

20. JACK KELLEY – FEAR TACTICS AND MISINFORMATION BEING USED TO SCARE RESIDENTS, GAINS TO TOWN FROM CONSTRUCTION, BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER.

21. AMBER LINDSEY – WANTS SOUND LIMITS SET AT 35 DBA, MONEY IS NOT WORTH OUR FOREVER.

22. KATHY POTENZANO – NO SEIZURES FROM SHADOW FLICKER.

THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR TOWN OF HOPKINTON ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

VOTE TO PRESENT LATEST DRAFT OF TOWN WIND LAW TO THE HOPKINTON TOWN BOARD PASSED: 3 IN FAVOR, 2 AGAINST.

THE DRAFT WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE SITE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. THE FINAL DRAFT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE HOPKINTON TOWN BOARD.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:28 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:
MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)