

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON  
WIND ADVISORY BOARD  
MARCH 6, 2017**

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

**ALTERNATE PRESENT:** JOHN NILES.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** SUE WOOD, SUE LYON.

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** MICHAEL TOOMEY, VICKIE FRENCH, ERNIE WOOD, ETTA PHELIX, FRANK POTENZANO, KELLY POTENZANO, ELI SOCHIA, BRANDON PEASLEE, DAN MURDIE, CHRIS OLLSON, SCOTT MCDONALD, KATHY MACKAY, MICHAEL EFFRON, FRED NICHOLS, LAURA MURPHY, PETER CHILDS, MEG GODDARD, ROBIN GARY, MARSHALL STEVENSON, JACK KELLEY, BILL CONVERSE, JANICE PEASE, AMBER LINDSEY, DAYNA COLE, MARY WITHERELL, JOHN TRIELLER, JIM SPEAR, RICHARD BURNETT III, AUDREY GILBERT, REBECCA FOX, MORGAN NEWTOWN, JOHN NEWTOWN, MILES WOLPIN, ROBIN WOLPIN, GEORGIA, MACY, JOSIE SEVERTSON, JOHN MAHONEY, KELLY CHARLESON, DAVID HANNON, KELLY PULLANO, GREG ERMOLD, TOM MCCARTY, DAVID SLATER, ANN SLATER, BERNADETTE ELLIOT, ROGER COOK, AMY COOK, NANCY HORAN, LORI WITHERELL, DOUGLAS WITHERELL, ROBERT FONDA, JEFFERY SNELL, FRED BELILE, PATRICIA BELILE, RONALD BALDWIN, BRIAN CARL, JUSTIN FOX, PATRICK MCMAHON, ROBERT BLUM, JUDY CONVERSE, SHERRY BLUM, BETH ROSENBAKER, SHEILA FOSTER, JAMES FOSTER, JENNIFER WHITE, MATTHEW PARKER, JESSICA BURNETT, DOLORES RICE, RICHARD EAKINS, LYNDA BAGE, BOB EMMETT, ELSIE DOMINY, LUKE DAILEY, LUKE MARTIN, PAT WALZER.

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

MR. POWERS READ MEETING GUIDELINES.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **ROBERT BLUM** – PROCEDURE TO CEASE OPERATION DURING BURNING BAN AND HIGH WIND WARNING, SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR TURBINE FIRE AND WHO FUNDS COST, SUPPORTS 1 YEAR MORATORIUM, WANTS TOWN TO INVESTIGATE SOLAR PROJECT.
2. **BILL CONVERSE** – THANKED WAB FOR EFFORTS BUT NOT EQUIPPED TO DO JOB WE ARE TRYING TO DO, IF THERE ARE HEALTH ISSUES WHY IS NORTH RIDGE PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED, BEING NEAR CHATEAUGAY TURBINES CAUSED ANXIETY.
3. **AMBER LINDSEY** – THANKFUL THAT SHE WAS CONTACTED, WOULD NOT HAVE MOVED HERE IF KNEW WIND PROJECT WAS GOING NEAR HER HOME, NO ADVANTAGES OTHER THAN MONEY, EFFECT ON ANIMALS.
4. **MEG GODDARD** – NOT FOR WIND PROJECT, CHANGES TO SETBACKS IN OLD DRAFT.
5. **MILES WOLPIN** – GIVING IN TO PILOT, BAD DEAL, NOT ECONOMICAL FOR CITIZENS JUST BENEFITS AVANGRID.
6. **KELLY CHARLESON** – REFERED TO NOISE COMPLIANCE IN HAMMOND WIND LAW, NOISE AT NIGHT INTERRUPTS SLEEP CYCLE, TOWN LAW SHOULD ADDRESS C-WEIGHTED LIMITS, MAXIMUM A-WEIGHTED LEVEL SHOULD BE 35 DBA, WANTS TOWN TO HIRE SOUND EXPERTS OR GET EQUIPMENT & DO OWN STUDY.
7. **JOSIE SEVERTSON** – WIND FARM WILL PROVIDE MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL, EDUCATION, TOWN AND COMMUNITY; FOR GREEN ENERGY.
8. **FRANK POTENZANO** – EXPOSED TO SOUND AND INFRASOUND IN OUR DAILY LIFE, WIND ENERGY PROVIDES FUNDS FOR TOWN AND THE TOWN HAS THE RESOURCES (WIND/RIDGE), SCARE TACTICS DIVIDING THE TOWN.
9. **KELLY PULLANO** – GREEN FAMILY BUT DOES NOT WANT WIND TOWERS, MONSTERS, MOVED HERE FOR REMOTENESS AND ENVIRONMENT, TOWN LAWYER NOT FOR TOWN RESIDENTS, SCHOOL DOES GREAT JOB WITH WHAT THEY HAVE, WANTS JOHN NILES ON WAB, WRITE LAW TO PROTECT RESIDENTS & BATTLE STATE.
10. **JESSICA BURNETT** – WHO BROUGHT WIND COMPANY HERE, FOR CLEAN ENERGY NOT WIND PROJECT, WILL LOOSE PEOPLE FROM TOWN, NO NEW RESIDENTS, CONSIDER SIGNING PETITIONS, 3 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE ON TOWN BOARD HAVE RELATIVES WITH LEASES.
11. **DAVE HANNON** – WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SUBSIDIES ARE GONE, WILL WIND COMPANY GO AWAY, AGAINST PILOT, SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH NEW PRESIDENT.
12. **JANICE PEASE** – DID THESIS ON INFRASOUND, ENVIRONMENTALIST, SUPPORTS MORATORIUM, WIND TURBINES NOT GREEN ENERGY, TOWN NOT HANDLING PROPERLY, WILL MOVE IF WIND TURBINES COME, TOWN NEEDS NEW LAWYER, A FEW PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIION FOR TOWN.

13. **PETER CHILDS** – BAD IDEA, DID NOT RETURN SURVEY, BIRD STUDY SHOULD BE DONE, ICE THROW, MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH WIND TURBINES FROM WEAR, DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THEM, NOT WORTH IT.
14. **JEFF SNELL** – SUPPORTS MORATORIUM, NEED MORE TIME, SUGGESTED WIND TURBINES WILL BE IN STATE LAND.
15. **KELLY POTENZANO** – TAXES TOO HIGH ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER PEOPLE, DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE HER HOME BECAUSE CAN'T PAY TAXES, PROGRESS HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN PAST, DOES LIKE TO SEE THE COMMUNITY DIVIDED, THERE ARE ABANDONED PROPERTIES NOT BEING SOLD NOW WITHOUT WIND TURBINES.
16. **JOHN NEWTOWN** – WANTS RESIDENTS TO BE ABLE TO VOTE ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.
17. **RICHARD EAKINS** – ACCUSED OF NOT CONSIDERING NEIGHBORS, THANKED WAB FOR EFFORTS, PEOPLE ALREADY LEAVING TOWN WITHOUT WIND TOWERS, APPRAISAL INDICATES ECONOMIC DECLINE OF AREA, REAL PROPERTY VALUE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE TIED TO ASSESSED VALUE, APPROACHED FOR SOLAR FARM THAT ONLY BENEFITS PROPERTY OWNER NOT TOWN, THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS FOR SOLAR PROJECT BUT THERE SHOULD BE, SUPPORTS THE CHANGE OF THE WIND OVERLAY ZONE, SMALL WECS & SOLAR NOT HOOKED TO GRID SHOULD BE EXEMPT, TAXES IN TOWN ARE HIGH.
18. **LYNDA BAGE** – DEMOCRACY NEEDS PEOPLE INVOLVEMENT, WIND LAW SHOULD NOT BE WRITTEN BY VOLUNTEERS, WANTS ANOTHER PUBLIC MEETING BECAUSE 3/3/17 DRAFT WAS NOT POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING, WANTS JOHN NILES ON WAB BECAUSE HE IS AGAINST WIND PROJECT, SUPPORTS 1 YEAR MORATORIUM, EMPLOYEES COST TO TOWN DRIVING TAXES UP (PENSION/HEALTHCARE), ELECTRICITY PRODUCED NOT FOR US, WANTED TO DEVELOP RETREAT ON PROPERTY FOR RETIREMENT, WIND COMPANY ADS A RUSE.
19. **BOB EMMETT** – WORRIED ABOUT ASTHETIC IMPACT ON CAMP MANDEVILLE (SUMMER YOUTH CAMP).
20. **MORGAN NEWTOWN** – WENT TO CAMP MANDEVILLE AS YOUTH, HAS ANXIETY ISSUES ALREADY & WILL IT BE AFFECTED FURTHER, LISTEN TO PEOPLE & PROTECT COMMUNITY, DOES NOT WANT TO RAISE CHILDREN AROUND WIND TURBINES.
21. **JACK KELLEY** – LEASEHOLDER, WENT TO VISIT MAPLE RIDGE PROJECT IN LOWVILLE, ATTEND OPEN HOUSE WITH AVANGRID ON 3/7/17 TO GET ANSWERS.
22. **NANCY HORAN** – WIND TURBINES MAKE PEOPLE SICK & PEOPLE ABANDON HOMES, 25% TO 50% DECREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES, CAN'T BUY HEALTH, WHO WILL DECIDE THIS PROJECT?
23. **ELSIE DOMNIY** – HAS HEALTH PROBLEMS ALREADY, WILL THEY BE WORSE, WHAT HAPPENS IF FORCED TO MOVE, WHO TAKES WIND TURBINES DOWN?
24. **LORI WITHERELL** – WANTS SETBACKS CHANGED FROM 5X TO 7X, SUPPORTS 1 YEAR MORATORIUM, WANTS SOUND LIMITS CHANGED TO CONSIDER INFRASOUND, AVANGRID DOES NOT CARE ABOUT COMMUNITY.
25. **LUKE DAILEY** – SUPPORTS MORATORIUM, TIME FOR RESEARCH, WANTS NEW TOWN LEGAL REPRESENTATION, INFORMATION PACKETS (PROPERTY VALUES, INFRASOUND, SETBACKS, PETITION FOR NO PILOT & MORATORIUM).
26. **LUKE MARTIN** – AREA DEAD ECONOMICALLY, NOT INTERESTED IN LIVING AROUND WIND FARM, AGAINST PILOT PROGRAM, AMISH WILL LEAVE.
27. **LAURA MURPHY** – ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTY, HUNTING & RECREATION WILL BE ALTERED WITH WIND FARM, LOSING SENSE OF COMMUNITY (SOLIDARITY), HEALTH & SAFETY FIRST, RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE & SECURE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.
28. **KATHY KACKAY** – VIOLINIST, APPRECIATES SOUND, LIVES NEAR CATHERINESVILLE STATE FOREST, DOES NOT WANT WIND FARM.
29. **PAT WALZER** – SENT LETTER TO BOARD MEMBERS, WANT 2KM SETBACKS, LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, READ COUNTERPUNCH NEWSLETTER BY NINA PIERPONT MD PHD.
30. **DAYNA COLE** – AMISH & MARTINS GOING TO LEAVE AREA, WANTS ORGANIC INDUSTRY EXPENDED HERE, LOOKING TO GET HEALTHIER NOT WEALTHIER, NOT FEELING WAB IS NEUTRAL ONLY JOHN NILES.
31. **DOUG WITHERELL** – AGAINST EXPANSION OF WIND OVERLAY ZONE, TREES ARE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST GREENHOUSES EFFECTS, 1 MEMBER OF WAB DOES NOT OBJECT TO EXPANSION OF WIND OVERLAY ZONE, WIND COMPANY LEFT IN 2011 BECAUSE INCENTIVES WENT AWAY, DOES NOT WANT TAXPAYER MONIES USED TO BUILD WIND TURBINES, ONLY 20% ELECTRICITY PRODUCED.
32. **ROBIN GARY** – OPPOSED TO WIND PROJECT.
33. **AUDREY GILBERT** – FAMILY LIVES OFF GRID, CONCERNED ABOUT HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, PRESERVATION OF BEAUTY & SERENITY, WIND FARM NOT A GOOD DEAL, CONCERNED ABOUT NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY & CHILDREN, COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL & STATE BIRD REGULATIONS (BATS), APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF WAB.

THE CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCAL LAW FOR TOWN OF HOPKINTON FROM 2011 ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE. THE WIND ADVISORY BOARD SUBMITTED THE 3/3/17 DRAFT TO TOWN BOARD.

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 8:58 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:  
MARYJANE TOOMEY(SECRETARY)