

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2018

MARCH 28, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LL 2 entitled “Wind Energy Facilities Law of Hopkinton, New York” held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Pullano, Sochia, Parker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk French, Attorney Roger Linden, Dolores Rice, Anthony Platoni, Moses Yoder, Cheryl Phippen, Michael Fournier “FARM”, Guy Rosenbarker, Gerald Taylor, Deb Rust, Rob Panasci Young/Sommer, Janice Pease, Joe Pease, Frank Potenzano, Kelly Potenzano, Amber Lindsey, Randy Lindsey, Luke Martin, Rachel Martin, Micah Rosenbarker, Matthew Rosenbarker, Suzanne Rosenbarker, Jeff Tavernia, Richard Peary, Pat Walzer, John Mahoney, Dan Murdie Avangrid, Scott McDonald Avangrid, Sherry Blum, Robert Blum, Martin Goddard, Duane Butterfield, Tim Helfter, Paula Helfter, Bonnie Helfter, Richard Eakins, Amy Mitchell, Richard Burnett, Greg Crump, John Trieller, Olga Trieller, Ann Slater, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Beth Rosenbarker, Wayne Akley, Etta Phelix, Kenneth Phelix, Richard Reich, Tom McHale, Gary ?, William Larue, Brian Jacques, Carl Devito, Lionel Alexander, Charlie B?, Duane French, David Hannon, Levi Zook, John Schlabach, Mose Miller, Elsie Dominy, Charles Dominy, Mary Witherell, Forrest Gallian, Charlie Rohlf, Michael Toomey, Mary Jane Toomey, Natasha Wolpin, Eli Sochia, Cindy Niles, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Rick Perkins, Morgan Newtown, Bruce McDonald, Ashley ?, Colette Parmer, Joel Parmer, Tom Demo, Joseph McGill, Peter Parker, Debra Parker, Dean Laubsler?, Laura Murphy, Albert Schlabach, Henry Miller, Audrey Gilbert, Lisa Gray, Hayley Gray, Eric Scovil, Kris Green, Justin Fox, Bill Fox, Dave Enslow, Ronald Baldwin, Cherie Whitten, Ricky Eakins, Josie Severtson, Kelly Johnson-Eiolla.

Supervisor Wood called the Public Hearing to order at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Wood read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing. She also stated that the Short Environmental Impact form has been completed and forwarded to the DEC and a copy is posted on the town website.

She explained the rules of order for the Public Hearing. Each person will have three minutes then we will move on to the next. Once all have been heard of someone would like to speak again that will be allowed.

She read into the record that she had received the following correspondence on March 28, 2018: Robert Panasci, Young/Sommer, regarding proposed revisions to the Town of Hopkinton Wind Energy Facilities Law. She stated that if anyone would like a copy of the correspondence it would be available at the Town Clerk’s Office or on the Town website.

Frank Potenzano: regarding the CCRP petitions south of SH72 and petitions for Moratorium/PILOT.

Councilman Pullano read letter aloud that was sent from the Supervisor in the Town of Parishville. He stated that if Avangrid cares about the community it will build the project within the scope of the proposed law. Protect the community if the wind farm is meant to be it will be built within the scope of the proposed law.

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Lori Witherell asked for permission to read aloud emails she had received from person who could not be in attendance. She read a letter from Richard Grover he has concerns how this project will affect the head waters of Trout Brook and land clearing.

Paula Youmell, seasonal resident, she is against the whole project and asked the Board to pass the wind law as written and not to expand the wind overlay zone south of SH 72.

She also received 10 emails, and nine were in favor of passing the wind law as is, one was against.

She was presented with 30 signed statements, some of which were present at the meeting, in support of passing the proposed 2018 wind law as written.

The following persons were heard in favor of passing the Wind Law as is written:

Mike Fournier, Robert Blum, Joe Snell, Audrey Gilbert, Olga Trieller, Janice Pease, Dean L., Amber Lindsey, Dr. Martin, Luke Daily, Forrest Gallion, Jeff Snell, Kelly Charleson, Morgan Newtown, John Mahoney, Lori Witherell, Ernest Wood, Laura Murphy, Amy ?, Mose Yoder, Anne Britten, Cherie Whitton, Guy Rosenbarker, Pat Walzer, Cheryl Phippen, John Coddell, Luke Martin, Kelly Johnson-Eiola, Robin Wolpin.

Their concerns were the health and safety of residents, PILOT vs Taxation, they feel that the majority of the town is against the wind project, not an American company, not extending the wind overlay zone south of SH72, property values, environmental impact, bird migration, earth vibrations.

The following persons spoke against the wind being passed as written:

Josie Severtson, Frank Potenzano, Earl McBride, Ricky Eakins, Scott McDonald Avangrid, Mary Jane Toomey, Richard Eakins, Charlie ?, Duane French.

Their concerns were that there are residents of the town in favor of the project they have collected over 190 postcards asking the town board to continue the discussion and concerns that the town board has not reviewed the postcards as of yet. Petitions presented to the Board in regards to no wind overlay zone south of SH72 and moratorium and PILOT were not legal and signatures were not validated. The study on PILOT vs Taxation has not been completed yet. Do not feel the incentives the wind company is offering are bribes. Setbacks at 2500 are too restrictive, need to expand the wind overlay zone to south of SH72. Project will create jobs and revenue for the town. Town Board has a responsibility to be unbiased. The Board needs to do more research in other towns where wind farms have been operating for years. SLC Planning Board recommendations were that the setbacks were too restrictive. Ice throw chart that was presented are incorrect it does not allow for with and without drag. The board was given a graph and website to look at in regards to this.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mrs. Pullano made a motion with a second by Ms. Lyon the Hearing was terminated at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vickie French, RMC