

SPECIAL MEETING PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY

JUNE 28, 2017

At the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supv. Wood, Councilpersons Crump, Lyon, Parker, Clerk French, Frances Hazelton, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley, Amber Lindsey, Ellen White, Willy Dailey, Gary Snell Sr., Michelle Huto, Corey Sheldon, Luke Dailey, Dolores Rice, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Janice Pease, Joseph Pease, Beth Rosenbarker, Guy Rosenbarker, , Robert Blum, Sherry Blum, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Christina Snell, Jessie Miller Bonno, Luke Martin, Steve Hopkins, Madeline Pennington, Lisa Gray, Andrew Gray, Richard Eakins, Gail Kelly, Tim Kelly, Ellen Devine, J. Neil Devine, Esq., Ira C Miller Jr., Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Eli Sochia, Scott McDonald, Mary Jane Toomey, Richard Powers. Lynda Bage, Tom Farns.

ABSENT: Councilman Sochia

Supv. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood addressed the public and told them there would be no public comment aloud at the Special Meeting. The meeting is for the Board to work on the Wind Energy Facility Law.

Supervisor Wood also stated that Mr. Crump would not be able to participate in the meeting at this time.

Supv. Wood told the board that all the conditions that were proposed by the County Planning Board, that the Town Board agreed with at the June 19th meeting have been changed.

Items to discuss are the Wind Overlay Zone, Set-backs and noise level.

Supervisor Wood thanked the Wind Advisory Board for all their hard work in putting the law together.

Wind Overlay Zone: Councilman Lyon and Supervisor Wood stated they would like to keep the Wind Overlay Zone as presented by the Wind Advisory Board, all turbines would be located North of SH 72. Councilman Parker felt the Wind Overlay Zone should be extended to South of SH 72. He stated that south of SH 72 is less populated, more trees for sound buffer, he does not agree with the loss of hunting most of the proposed area is private land. He also stated that the Tug Hill area has trails near existing wind turbines. He stated that the DEC is involved in the Article 10 process and we need to let them decide if there is a danger to wildlife.

Set-backs: The Wind Advisory Board is proposed 2500 ft , the current law sets it at 1800 ft based on smaller turbines than being proposed currently.

Mr. Parker stated that the 2500ft set-back will exclude the whole town, therefore we should not be trying to pass a law for the regulation of a wind farm we should be writing a law not allowing wind turbines. He felt 2500ft was too restrictive.

Supervisor Wood stated that if we pass the law with the 2500 ft set-back the wind company has the option to file for a variance.

Noise: Supervisor Wood and Councilman Lyon stated they would like to leave the DBA at 40, which was recommended by the Wind Advisory Board. She reported that the Town of Parishville set theirs at 35 dba for the nighttime and 40dba for daytime.

Mr. Parker commented that he would like to see it raised to 45dba in the daytime. He has research what other states have theirs set at and they are much higher.

Supervisor Wood stated that we should try to keep our law in line with the same one Town of Parishville passed.

Mr. Parker felt they should have consulted with the Town of Hopkinton before passage.

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Supv. Wood commented that there was plenty of opportunity for all board members to attend meetings on this matter before hand and if we do not come to a compromise on these matters the 2011 law that is filed will stand and it is to no benefit to any of us.

Mr. Parker stated that he would like to see the set-backs changed to 1800ft from residence, not from property line. He would like the dba raised to 45 and extend the Wind Overlay Zone to south of SH 72. Ms Lyon stated that she is willing to move some on the set-backs but not as far as 1800 ft. She also is not in favor of extending the Wind Overlay Zone south of SH 72 nor is she in favor of raising the dba to 45.

Supervisor Wood stated she has concerns about shorting up the set-back. She is also concerned about what we have 20 years from now will not be enough.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to postpone the Public Hearing that was scheduled for July 13, 2017 while the Board continues to work on getting more answers set-backs, noise levels, Wind Overlay Zone.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to rescind the motion made on June 19, 2017 at a Regular Meeting to hold a Public Hearing on July 13, 2017.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Absent.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie L French

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