

Town of Fort Fairfield  
Wind Energy Technical Review Committee  
Council Chambers  
Monday, March 23, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

Members: Dick Langley, Todd Maynard, Tim Goff, David McCrea, Phil Christensen  
and Jim Everett

Excused: Carl Young, John Herold, Michael Bosse, Heather Cassidy, Brent Churchill

Also Present: Tony Levesque

Citizens: 2

I. Call to Order – Richard Langley, Esq. – Committee Chair

Dick brought up a question as to whether or not we could have a productive night, if we skip the general setback and the definition. He had sent out an email asking the members to give a number, the reason why is that we know what Carl's number is, Brent expressed a much more conservative number. The concern is if we take Carl's motion, go forward on that we could very well have a 6 to 5 vote. That's part of the problem is that nobody has put out a number out there. I would like to have a conversation and get everybody's thoughts; I think it would be better for the committee and the council if we had a strong majority behind whatever we do.

It was stated that whatever was discussed tonight would have to be reiterated again at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the group read the Sumner ordinance, they set the maximum height of a windmill at only 450 feet, so you don't have to do this 13 times. We need a structure as to where we got the numbers, when asked we need to be able to tell people how we came up with it and as a committee we need to be able to stand behind it.

II. Review/Acceptance of Minutes of March 9, 2015.

Motion: Phil Christensen moved to approve Minutes of March 9, 2015 as presented.

Second: David McCrea

Vote – All affirmative

III. Old Business –

A. Noise Standard Addendum- Tim prepared the addendum that Carl Young motioned for at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the noise levels and the recorded vote.

B. Ice Throw – Tim is to draft language for this using the language from the Rutgers formula.

C. General Setback – (Maine Model Section 12) - to be discussed at the next meeting

D. Other - NONE

IV. New Business

- A. Special Standards for Type 3 & 4 Wind Energy Developments (Maine Model Sec. 14) – to be discussed at the next meeting
- B. List of topics to be Researched in Advance of next meeting – Tim will be working on the language of the ice throw and along with Becky will work on getting everything together that has been created so far.
- C. Other - None

V. Public Comment Period –

Rick Shepherd- Someone asked him a question regarding, does the Town gets money back from the State?

Tony stated that there is a formula that the State uses with regards to revenue sharing. It is based on the valuations, it is supposed to be a percentage of the sales tax back to the communities. Every year but one year we got the portion back, it was supposed to be 100% of that formula. Now the communities are only getting 40% and the current Governor is proposing to eliminate that completely in 2016.

Rick – So with that formula if the Town is valued for more would be get more back or less back?

Jim – The School would get less back.

Rick-So if we have large wind projects, non-TIF, there is a possibly that we will get less back from the state. Also there is a speculation that people, if we have wind mills, their taxes would be lowered, and they would like that. I don't know how much that is true because, because at Irish Ridge they offered everyone \$2,000.00 a year for an easement. For some that would more than pay their taxes and most of them said no.

VI. Other – None

Next meeting is March 30, 2015 at 6:00 pm – Council Chambers

Motion: David McCrea moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM

Second: Jim Everett

Vote – All affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Hersey  
Secretary Pro-Tem