

Town of Fort Fairfield
Wind Energy Technical Review Committee
Council Chambers
Monday, May 18, 2015
5:30 P.M.

Members: Dick Langley, Todd Maynard, David McCrea, Phil Christensen, Heather Cassidy,
Tim Goff, Jim Everett, Brent Churchill, Michael Bosse and Carl Young

Excused: John Herold

Also Present: Tony Levesque

Citizens: Rick Shepherd, Janet McGillan, David Lown, Susan Jones, Rick LeBlanc, Dana Hale,
Anne McQuade, Kellen Ingalls, Bob Dorsey, Mary Anne Ayoob, Kevin Doughty,
John McCrea and James Risner

- I. Call to Order – Richard Langley, Esq. – Committee Chair at 6:04 PM
- II. Review/Acceptance of Minutes of May 4, 2015.
Motion: Carl Young moved to approve Minutes of May 4, 2015 as presented.
Second: Phil Christensen Vote – All affirmative
- III. Old Business –
 - A. Ordinance Language and Organization Subcommittee Report – At the last meeting the committee went through the packet that the sub-committee put together. There were a few questions, one was who is responsible for decommissioning and what the sub-committee decided was that the land owners who are part of the leases would become part of the bond. Made a distinction between participating land owners who simply just sign a waiver as opposed to the guys who has a turbine on his property.
 - B. Other – NONE
- IV. New Business
 - A. Break into Work Groups to Consider the following Topics:
 1. Application –
 2. Noise –
 3. Definitions –
 4. Natural Resources Protection -
 5. Site Plan review -

A concern was presented regarding the application and site plan review. The initial homework that was assigned at the start of these committee meetings, was to put together draft language using the Montville sample, the Maine State sample and the Oakfield sample, pertaining to language for application, submission requirements and procedural

time frames. It was thought that we need to establish rules first then work on the application, so we won't be doing it all over again, we are being redundant.

The committee then broke out to their different sub-committees.

B. List of topics to be researched in advance of next meeting - It was brought up that we should meet as a full committee once a month, then have the sub-committees also meet once a month, it seems that more is getting done with the sub-committees.

C. Other- None

V. Public Comment Period –

Rick Shepherd - had a handout that gave a little insight on how the wind industry in general operates and what they want to do. They don't want to work with you they want to take from you. They want to take your quality of life, in some cases your health, tax dollars, electrical, property value. Wind companies have a play book that tells them how to get themselves into communities, they want to talk with people individually not as a group. A couple of tactics they have is lack of information and divide and conquer.

David Lown – I appreciate the process the Town is going through. Where can I find the working documents, is it on the web? Sat in on the noise committee meeting and had some concerns with the setbacks, how are the complaints going to be registered, I can see how it might be abused by those people who are not in favor of wind. There has to be even more language to explain that to see how that process is going to pan out.

Kellen Ingalls – representative of EDP renewables- Works a lot with communities, 34 wind farms across the United States. We have a met tower here in Fort Fairfield, we want to work here. Have four primary concerns, the first being the one mile setback, with this there will be no successful wind farm in Fort Fairfield. The second being environmental, third- decommissioning and fourth- sound. Encourage this committee to reach out to a sound consultant to take a look at other requirements of other wind farms. The reason Fort Fairfield has been waiting so long for wind power is that there hasn't been adequate transmission, it's a tricky process connecting to the grid.

Susan Jones - with Shamrock Wind Partners- Its absolutely clear that this committee is moving towards the one mile setback and that will kill our project. We ask you to seriously consider where you are heading, because there is no doubt in my mind that it will kill our project. What are you trying to accomplish here? It's not logically to have a two mile setback for sound, because sound doesn't travel that far. There are 60,000 wind turbines worldwide, people are living harmoniously, they embrace them. Our project is only 3 to 4 turbines, we are a 10 megawatt project. Monetarily we are talking a \$130,000.00 to \$150,000.00 in payments each year, it is a 25 million dollar capital investment, a 20 year impact. Please proceed cautiously, we want you to know what you will be giving up. Also definitions are very critical, there are already two sets of definitions, the Federal law and State law now you're adding a third.

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VI. Other – None

Next meeting is June 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm – Council Chambers

Motion: Phil Christensen moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM

Second: Heather Cassidy

Vote – All affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Hersey
Secretary Pro-Tem