

MIDDLETOWN WIND TURBINE FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 6 2009

6:00 pm

MIDDLETOWN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

Present: Don Mallinson, Arak Bozyan, Barbara Vonvillas, Ray Mosher, Christine Weglowski Forster,

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

In EBEC news, Christine Forster reported that the East Bay Energy consortium had selected a contractor for the first phase of the wind feasibility study. It is ASA of Rhode Island whose principal Daniel Mendelsohn, did the wind study for the state in 2007.

Shawn Brown reported that the Town and committee member Don Mallinson sent letters to DEM Division of Agriculture requesting relief from a conservation easement to allow a turbine on a property on West Main Road, The property owners would like to allow the Town to erect a turbine on their property.

The Catholic Diocese of Rhode Island owns property on the West Side and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with town that could allow turbines at that location.

Shawn reported that other private property owners had spoken to him

about other possible partnerships with the Town.

A discussion of goals for the committee followed. Christine Forster will consolidate the committee's lists of goals, and the next meeting will have discussion about a policy statement. Shawn mentioned that the Sierra Club has a model policy statement . He will get that to the committee.

Committee discussed branching out from wind to other renewable energy sources, and to conservation of all resources. Committee will gather data on heat and water use in Town. Although the Town had had an energy audit, how hot water is heated, and conservation of water by the use of low flow toilets are all areas where resources could be conserved and money saved. The Town Hall's air conditioners will eventually need to be replaced, and could be replaced with more efficient devices.

Arak Bozyan asked about insuring the turbines. Shawn will address that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is November 3, 2009.