

MIDDLETOWN WIND TURBINE FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 3, 2009

6:00 pm

MIDDLETOWN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

Present: Christine Weglowski Forster, Raymond Mosher, Barbara VonVillas, Frank Bozyan, Peter Tarpgaard, Shawn Brown

Items discussed:

Goals of the Committee: Members submitted their thoughts for the direction for the committee. It was agreed that a turbine is a good feasible project for Town to pursue, particularly in light of the net metering legislation in RI. This legislation currently allows an entity (such as a municipality) to credit ten meters with energy sent back into the grid. Members would like to partner with the Navy. However, it seems certain that the DoD will use some of its land on the west side for a wind farm, and the DoD will use all the electricity produced for its own facilities.

Determining locations for turbine/s including use of privately owned land through contractual partnerships with landowners, financing options and sources, and regulatory requirements, and passage of

the wind energy ordinance were areas on which committee members were in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Next meeting December 1, 2009

.