

MINUTES

MIDDLETOWN WIND TURBINE FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2010

6:00 pm

MIDDLETOWN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Forster reported that the Phase 2 feasibility study for the proposed wind energy project was in draft form and a final form is expected in September. RIEDC's Julian Dash informed the group that RIEDC has committed to funding the met tower, but had yet to determine the better alternative: the purchase or refurbishment of a met tower. Next regular meeting of EBEC scheduled for September 15, 2010.

2. Administrator Brown reported that the resolution for the Town Council to support the Simmon's Farm request for relief from the conservation easement is on the Council agenda for September 7.

3. Mosher asked if there was any news about the Navy wind turbines. Brown reported that the Navy was considering small turbines.

4. Mallinson asked if it would be appropriate for the committee to comment on the Strauss request for a special use permit for a privately owned turbine on private land. The answer was that the committee exists to advise the Town Council, and the matter is for the

Planning and Zoning boards, therefore a recommendation for or against a special use permit would not be in the committee's purview. However a public resident may comment at any public hearing open to public comment.

5. Weglowski asked the committee if any members would be interested in a site visit to the WTG located at Portsmouth High School, and if Brown thought the Town Council would be interested in participating. Weglowski will contact Portsmouth for a mutually convenient date.

6. Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2010.