

MINUTES

MIDDLETOWN WIND TURBINE FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOV 9, 2010 at 6:00 pm

MIDDLETOWN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM

Present: Christine Weglowski Forster, Don Mallinson, Barbara Vonvillas, Ray Mosher, Peter Tarpgaard, Shawn Brown

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

1. Forster reported on the November 1, 2010 meeting of the East Bay Energy Consortium (EBEC). EBEC has issued RFPs for legal counsel and for a project manager. They are available on the website of the town of Bristol. A site for the met tower at the Tiverton Industrial Park site has yet to be identified. EBEC's fiscal agent the town of Bristol has not yet received a grant agreement from RI EDC for the most recent grant. Forster asked Mr. Brown when a convenient date would be to bring the Council up to date with the Phase II feasibility study. December 21, 2010 is the date.

2. The Committee will request from the FAA a Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation for the Simmons Farm location. It was agreed that the Town Council would be asked to adopt a resolution in support of a request for relief from a conservation easement on the Simmons Farm property, from the Agricultural Conservation Commission on December 6, 2010.

3. Peter Tarpgaard brought the committee up to date on the wind turbine section of the comprehensive plan. He serves on the comp plan review committee.

4. Don Mallinson and Forster had attended an all-day conference in Plymouth, MA on “The Social Challenge of Wind Energy”. Mallinson gave a report on the conference, and how important it was to inform residents to garner support for a municipal wind project. A discussion about public outreach ideas for Middletown and a municipal turbine followed. Ms. VonVilas noted that when she was campaigning, most residents she spoke to were not opposed to a municipal turbine.

5. Ray Mosher told the committee that a high-line connection to the electrical grid runs roughly from the Kesson Farm area to McAllister Point, and should that be the area for a municipal turbine/s, no connections problems are anticipated.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2010.