

BECKET Large Wind Sub-Comm. Minutes 4/1/2013

Meeting came to order at 9:15am.

Attendees: Committee members Bob Gross, Al Blake, Maria Wallington, Bill Girard, Ann Krawet,

Minutes of Meeting on 3/4/13 were modified and then approved unanimously. The following is to be deleted from the 9th line of the first paragraph: *and Bancroft Rd, land off Mitchell Rd up to the Chester town line.*

The changes to the Bylaws were reviewed and several additional changes recommended. Bob Gross is to make changes to the word document and send copies to the Committee members. Bill Girard will get a copy to Nina, who will make copies for the Planning Board to review at their next meeting. Bob will also send a copy of the 'original' word document to Bill, so the Planning Board will be able to make side by side comparisons.

Ann reported that she has received no word from Bob Ronzio regarding the answer the questions that were to be asked of the Town's attorney.

Maria presented the findings of an epidemiological study in Maine which compared health impacts of large turbines sited $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from people and 2 miles away from people. Those living within the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distance reported "significant (sic. adverse) symptoms" while those living 2 miles or more away reported few adverse symptoms.

Bill advised us of a building inspector's meeting scheduled in May at which renewable energy bylaws will be discussed (date and time to be provided).

The committee viewed maps of Becket to locate potential sites for large turbines set back under the existing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile requirement and under greater setback distances.

It was assumed that if the sub-committee is to recommend changes that they will be considered at the probable Special Town Meeting which is expected to be held in the fall, 2013, to vote on revised bylaws for the town.

Members will continue to search for information relating to ways that sound can be measured as a possible substitute for arbitrary setbacks.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 9am.