

Technical Research Group Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2009

Members Present:

David G. Cressman ^
Nathalie L. Dias *
Ronald DiPippo
David T. Hickox
Arthur C. Larrivee
Roger L. Tougas

* Ms. Dias was absent.

^ Mr. Cressman (Ex officio)

David G. Cressman, Executive Administrator, called the Technical Research Group meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 24, 2009 in Room # 301.

The first item of business was to consider a proposal from Mr. Kirby of 240 Smith Neck Road to erect a MET Tower on his property.

Mr. Kirby presented his proposal to erect a forty (40) meter (130 feet) tower, which would be nine hundred (900) feet from Smith Neck Road and any overhead utilities. Mr. Kirby presented a deed for his property. He noted that there would be no noise from the tower and no guy wires on any property but his property according to the plan he presented. The closest structure is a barn, which is ten (10) meters away located on his property. In response to a question he agreed to share his data from the tower with the Town.

After a motion was made by Mr. DiPippo and duly seconded by Mr. Hickox, it was voted four (4) in favor and one (1) absent (Ms. Dias) to approve a Special Permit for the temporary tower.

The second item of business was the Town's proposal to erect two one hundred (100) meter wind turbines on Town property off of Chase Road.

Mr. DiPippo reviewed how the Town's proposal had been modified from the prior proposal, which the Technical Research Group had reviewed several months ago. Mr. DiPippo explained the noise impacts which were at the most 2.5 dbA at the closest receptor. Mr. DiPippo addressed the visibility impacts. He noted that the Town had to return to the FAA and MAC for approval due to the changes in the location of the wind turbines. In closing, Mr. DiPippo projected revenue from the wind turbines at various probabilities.

After a motion was made by Mr. Larrivee and duly seconded by Mr. Tougas, it was voted four (4) in favor and one (1) absent (Ms. Dias) to recommend approval of the Town's proposal to the Select Board.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Pamela Tavares, Principal Clerk

Approved: _____