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Memorandum

Date: August 18, 2010
To: Town Council
From: Amanda L. Stearns, Community Development Director
Cc: Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager
Re: Request for consideration of a wind energy ordinance

Steve Woods, property owner at 380 Route One, has approached the town with regard to the installation of a wind turbine at this location.

I have prepared the following summary of talking points regarding this subject.

Current Regulation and Policy

- ▶ The town does not currently permit these installations.
- ▶ The 2010-2011 Council Work Plan lists under Section 2, Special Projects, Item d., the Green Ribbon Report to be taken up by the Town Council and Energy Efficiency Committee to develop a prioritization schedule. Attached is an excerpt from the Falmouth Energy and Climate Protection Plan regarding wind energy, where it is recommended to adopt an ordinance to allow responsibly sited, land based wind power installations.

Process Questions

- ▶ Adopt policy regarding wind energy – Council and Energy Efficiency Committee
- ▶ Determine timing and priorities for the project
- ▶ Committee referral

Issues

- ▶ Where in town are installations appropriate?
- ▶ What types of turbines are appropriate?
- ▶ What are the appropriate performance standards?