

Town of Northborough
Wind Turbine Committee (WTC)



Wind Turbine Committee Meeting
Conference Room 1st floor, Northborough Free Library
34 Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532

Reference:NWC10:10MM

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
R. Giles (Co Chair)	J. Cragin	P. Johnson
R. Jones	M. Harling	D. Mailly
		B. O'Toole

Town of Northborough Officials

N/A

Guests

N/A

7:00 PM Northborough Wind Turbine Committee (WTC) called to order

1. The meeting began with a welcome by the co-chairman, introductions around the table, and acceptance of the April 28th meeting minutes with corrections.
2. The Wind Turbine technical information binder will continue to be routed through the group. All reviewers agreed the tech data was helpful. R. Melville currently has the binder for review.
3. Issues with the SED contract including business plan omissions and payment plan conflicts are still unresolved. As confirmed in an e-mail, F. Litchfield, CEC/MTC and SED are working on solutions.
4. R. Jones provided a preliminary estimate on the Tougas farm loads. Note: in subsequent reviews of the spread sheet by B. O'Toole, generation costs were omitted from the total. R. Giles was asked to request page two of the Tougas electric bills to confirm.
5. Sound measurement information was discussed. R. Jones will provide the team with information on Infrasound as related to wind turbine operations. In addition information available summarizing noise issues investigated at two Nova Scotia wind farm projects will be sent to the team.
6. M. Harling recommended that both US Senators Kerry and Brown be advised of the WTC activities and objectives.
7. R. Jones is pursuing a review of the town electric costs summary with F. Litchfield and K. Hood to determine how generation costs (Constellation Energy invoices) are accounted for.

8. The committee agreed the critical path action item is installation of the Met Tower and commencing wind data collection.
9. Once a date for the met tower erection is determined, WG-4 will need to schedule video taping, photo-ops, community updates, etc.

Monthly Look Ahead (Jun thru Dec 2010) – Critical Action Items

1. Install the meteorological tower and initiate data collection
Responsibility – Co-Chairs/Town Engineer
2. Continue project financial analysis including the Tougas farm loads
Responsibility – Working Group #2
3. Consider development of a public out reach plan
Responsibility – Working Group #4
4. Investigate Federal, State and Town permit and licensing requirements
Prepare a Policies and Procedures Binder
Briefing for Town Department Heads
Responsibility – Working Group #5

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Northborough Town Hall Selectmen's conference room.

R. Jones
WTC Member

cc: Town Clerk,
Town Administrator,
Fran Bakstran (BOS) - Liaison Board of Selectmen

WIND TURBINE COMMITTEE:

Fred Litchfield (Town Engineer)
Joe McNamara (Co-Chairman)
Bob Giles (Co-Chairman)
Edward Cahill
William Halter
Richard Jones
Richard Kane
Ron Parker

ADVISORY GROUP:

Phil Johnson (Chair person)
Len Belli
Richard H Burton
Ravi Chilakamari
Dave R. Mailly
Raj Melville
Bill O'Toole

ALTERNATES:

Maggie Harling
John Cragin