

Town of Northborough
Wind Turbine Committee (WTC)



June 23, 2010
Wind Turbine Committee Meeting
Conference Room 1st floor, Northborough Free Library
34 Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532

Reference:NWC10:13MM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
R. Giles (Co Chair)	J. Cragin	L. Belli
R. Jones	M. Harling	R. Burton
R. Kane		P. Johnson
		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 June 8th meeting minutes.
2. A revised meeting schedule through August 18th was issued by R. Giles.
3. An update on the met tower installation was provided via e-mail by M. Vanderbrook (see SED memo dated June 23, 2010). The installation is scheduled for mid-July 2010.
4. A copy of the Worcester Telegram June 23rd article regarding the Cape Wind project public hearing was provided.
5. The Wind Turbine technical information binder will continue to be routed through the group. All reviewers agreed the tech data was helpful. R. Kane currently has the binder for review.
6. The WTC was provided with a 6/10/2010 note from J. Codere – the Town of Washington, MA is seeking support to keep wind turbine siting, construction, operations, infra structure upgrades limited to approvals at the local versus state level. Comments from the WTC are invited.
7. A National Grid handout was provided for WTC review on net metering.
8. A Power Point presentation prepared by five Algonquin high school students (S. Brillhart, J. Graham, C. Ferguson, R. Wales, K. Winkler) on the Cape Wind project was provided for WTC information purposes. Supplemental AWEA data, failure tables and excerpts from the Cape Wind environmental impact study were also provided. The WTC wishes to thank the students for their input.

9. Individuals/officers are needed to complete the 501C application for “Friends of the Wind Turbine” and establish the non-profit corporation.
10. M. Harling reported WTC table space for the fall Applefest celebration was purchased. Funds are need for brochures etc.
11. Latest progress on the composite Town Electric bills was provided. Total annual cost may be closer to \$800,000. After a detailed review of the high school information provided by M. Gorman, a meeting will be scheduled with F. Litchfield and K. Hood to review the municipal costs (fire, town hall, police, DPW)
12. A meeting with Sen Chandler will be scheduled to continue the APR land use discussion with the Department of Agriculture.
13. R. Jones presented a preliminary department head briefing Power Point presentation for WTC review.

From earlier meeting notes:

14. M. Harling recommended that both US Senators Kerry and Brown be advised of the WTC activities and objectives.
15. Once a date for the met tower erection is determined, WG-4 will need to schedule video taping, participant notifications, photo-ops, community updates, etc.

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

1. Continue project financial analysis
Responsibility – Working Group #2
2. Consider development of a public out reach plan
Responsibility – Working Group #4
3. Investigate Federal, State and Town permit and licensing requirements
Prepare a Policies and Procedures Binder
Briefing for Town Department Heads – *meeting scheduled for mid July*
Pursue funding and submittal of Interconnection Application to National Grid
Responsibility – Working Group #5

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Northborough Town Hall Cafeteria.

R. Jones
WTC Member

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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 (Planning & Logistics)
Richard Kane
Ron Parker

ADVISORY GROUP:

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

ALTERNATES:

Maggie Harling
John Cragin