

Town of Northborough
Wind Turbine Committee (WTC)



October 22, 2009
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall
Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532

Reference:NWC09:12MM

October 21, 2009

Attendees

Members

Bob Giles
Joe McNamara
Ron Parker

Alternates

John Cragin

Advisors

Phil Johnson
Dick Burton
David Mailly
Raj Melville
Ravi Chilakamari

Town of Northborough Official

F. Litchfield – Town Engineer

Guest

Maurice Tougas- Owner Tougas Family Farm

1. 7:09 PM Committee called to order
2. Welcome to Mr. Tougas and new advisor member, Raj Melville.
3. Meeting minutes from October 7, 2009 accepted as written in draft.
4. Mr. Giles began a discussion of supporting Mr. Tougas' application to Commonwealth Department of Agricultural the erection of a MET Tower on his property. Brief discussion on fine details of application information which is largely complete. Mr. Litchfield to forward an Assessors Map to complete the form. Approval must be received prior to November 17, 2009 MTC Grant deadline for grant to be considered. A previous application for solar panel installation has been approved. Met Tower Application will be shared with Sen. Harriett Chandler for informational, as well as, potential approval support purposes.

5. Mr. Tougas presented copies of September 4- October 6, 2009 electrical bills (4). This period is a peak consumption month. However, irrigation system was run at an abnormally low rate this year. Ron Parker to compile data, including look at previous consumption data listed on the bills for inclusion in Financial Analysis. Mr. Tougas will look for historical data on irrigation system consumption to provide a prices view of consumption.
6. Discussion held around details of Town's consumption data which have been presented and preliminarily analyzed. The data appears to be reasonable, but data can not be attributed to specific facilities. Mr. Litchfield will request that Kim Hood, Assistant Town Manager, attempt to determine a facility breakout.
7. Discussion commenced around Consultant RFP responses. 3 responses were received, with one respondent withdrawn after submission. Of the remaining 2, SED will work within MTC Grant budget (\$85,000) and has experience which spans 300 similar projects throughout New England and Mid Atlantic regions. SED also has prior experience working the MTC Grant process. SED is currently the clear lead choice for the Northborough WTC Project. Final award will be made by Town of Northborough Manger and Engineering Departments in consultation with WTC Co-Chairs. Target date is on or about October 27, 2009.
8. Several Committee Members will attend a "How To" Wind seminar in Hyannis on 10-22-2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

Minutes recorded by Ron Parker
Forwarded to Dick Jones for distribution