

MINUTES OF MEETING

Special Meeting

Town of Dixfield

Board of Selectmen/Assessors/Overseers of the Poor

Monday, November 16, 2009

5:00 p.m., Town Office

Board Members Present: Bettina M. Martin (Chair), Raymond E. Carlton, Norine H. Clarke, James L. Desjardins and Stephen G. Donahue

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Eugene R. Skibitsky (Town Manager), Charlotte M. Collins (Minutes)

Press Present: Eileen Adams (Sun Journal)

Citizens Present: Freemont Tibbetts, Danny McKay, Roberta Donahue, Patriots Renewables Representatives Todd Presson (Chief Operating Officer) and Tom Carroll (Project Coordinator)

1. Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Masonry Bids for the Fire Station:** One bid was received for work on the Dixfield Fire Station.

Rocco Leo II, Inc.	\$5,170 (one door)
Team Masonry & Construction	8,170 (two doors)
7 Bridges Drive	
Scarborough, ME 04074	

There is a \$12,781.11 balance in the Fire Station Reserve Account. On a motion from Mr. Donahue and a second from Mrs. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid of \$8,170 (two doors).

3. **Patriot Renewables (Windpower):** Todd Presson and Tom Carroll representing Patriot Renewables (windpower project) were on hand to speak with the Board regarding any concerns they may have for the proposed windpower project for Col. Holman Mountain.

Mr. Presson gave each Board member an outline of the benefits various towns have received in addition to increased valuation by windpower projects (see attachment). A study will have to be made of the impact that additional value will have on the town's overall valuation. Also "tangible benefits" that are an important part of the DEP permitting process must be analyzed for the best benefit to the town's citizens. Without these studies, the net effect will not be possible to predict. Patriot Renewables will fund any reasonable study that is needed.

Various questions were answered regarding ice, lightening, noise, vibrations, height of towers and land use by residents. Mr. Presson and Mr. Carroll will be taking pictures from various visual points along the Common Road, Canton Point Road, etc. so that they can be superimposed onto a computer screen that will show everyone the visual effect of the project. They are also scheduling various experts on windpower for an informational meeting to be held sometime in January 2010 when more data has been collected from the test tower on Col. Holman Mountain.

The life of the project was also addressed with a 20-25 life span projected for each turbine. At that point, the project will either be refurbished or dismantled. The blades are made of fiberglass and the towers of steel. It all depends on the technology of the time. Decommissioning must become part of the DEP Permitting process.

4. **Other Business:** None

5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, November 23, 2009, 5:00 p.m., Town Office

6. **Adjournment:** On a motion from Mr. Donahue and a second from Mr. Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte M. Collins
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer

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Attachments