

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Special Selectmen's Meeting**

**Monday, Sept. 15, 2014
5:30PM, Ludden Library**

Board Members Present: Scott Belskis, Dana Whittemore, Malcolm Gill, Norman Mitchell, and Hart Daley.

Administration Present: Town Manager, Carlo Puiia

Town Employees Present: Public Works Director Calvin Beaumier, Police Chief Richard Pickett, Fire Chief Scott Dennett, Theresa Hemingway, and Vickie Carrier

Citizens Present: Walter Newman, Terri Mitchell, Grayson Child, Peter Holman, Laura Holman, Dan McKay, Elizabeth Hebert Lauren Hebert, Charlotte Collins, Jeff Knight, Bernard Gilsleider and Norine Clarke, recorder of minutes.

Media: WVAC Channel 7

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Belskis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Approval of Wind Energy Facility Ordinance for November 4, 2014 Ballot**
Discussion began with page 20 of the draft copy 11.1.1. Mr. Daley asked for a re-write to change from 2000 to 4,000 feet, drop the words "Project Parcel" and insert "non-participating landowner and the Project Parcel". Also on page 20, remove the last sentence of 11.1.2 and place at the end of 11.1.3. He requested that a section number 3 be added to page 24 which addresses Low Frequency Sound using Rumford's ordinance language.
Peter Holman was recognized and he passed out copies of what Dixfield would receive if there was a 50% TIF, and copies of the benefits that Woodstock and Freedom are receiving from Patriots Renewables. Both projects are up and running. Grayson Childs told the Board that John Sutton of Roxbury would be happy to answer questions from any of the Selectmen to speak about their project. Mr. Daley said that Dixfield homeowners must have their property rights protected or the Town could be sued. Mr. Holman said that the Town is losing a great opportunity. Mr. Gill said that when taxes go up they go up all over town and the mills would help to stabilize the tax rate. Mr. Daley suggested that the wind developer could curtail the project to make it fit. Mr. Belskis said that the Holman Ridge Line could be utilized. The question was asked how many of the people in the project area have 4,000 feet for a set back and the answer was that they are all different. Mr. Daley noted that eight different town ordinances have set backs of one mile or more and one of them has 4,000 feet. None of those towns have wind projects. Lauren Hebert questioned how the state would re-

calculate aid to schools. Mr. Belskis said if there were a TIF, it would not be re-calculated. TM Puiia referred to the Eaton Peabody projections. Following further discussion, TM Puiia listed five items that remain to be addressed and must be done by Thurs. the 18th of Sept. in order to post the warrants. TM Puiia said he would contact Atty. Collins and have her provide the correct language.

- a. Page 20 11.1.1, 11.1.2 and 11.1.3
- b. Page 21 Add section about low frequency sound.
- c. Page 26 12.3 change the amount of money from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
- d. Page 27 12.4 add the word safety in front of the word review.
- e. Page 24 Appendix A-1.A address language “nameplate capacity and parasitic draw”

Atty. Collins recommended the order be placed on the Warrant and the certified copy can be completed by her and TM Puiia.

Peter Holman said that the town voted to have wind power and if the 4,000 foot setback stays, the company will walk away.

It was noted that the moratorium would hold until changes were made, and that if this revised ordinance does not pass, the Town will revert back to the original ordinance.

The Chair awaited a motion to place the revised ordinance on the warrant and none was forthcoming. Mr. Gill encouraged the November ballot because that is when the most voters will be at the polls and the vote will be more a true test than a small group of voters. Mr. Daley wanted to make sure that the changes were clear.

Mr. Gill made a motion to put the Ordinance on the warrant with the changes completed by Atty. Collins and TM Puiia. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Daley made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Clarke recorder of minutes
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