

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON
ELECTRIC GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Affidavit of Scott McDonald

In Support of Motion for Determination of Ineligibility, Recusal,
or Disqualification of Gary Snell Sr., Siting Board Nominee

In Case 16-F-0268, Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
Pursuant to Article 10 for the Construction of the North Ridge
Wind Energy Project in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton,
St. Lawrence County

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss.:
COUNTY OF SARATOGA)

I, Scott McDonald, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

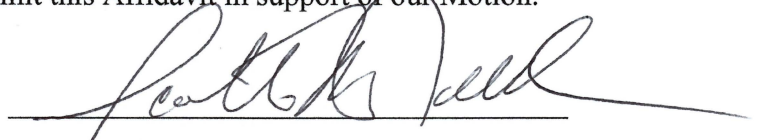
1. I am an employee of Avangrid Renewables and my title is Lead/Senior Business Developer.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of Atlantic Wind LLC's motion for the recusal of Gary Snell Sr., who was recently appointed by the New York State Assembly to serve as an ad hoc member of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment ("Siting Board") in this case, per the attached letter to Secretary Kathleen Burgess from Assembly Speaker Carl Hestie (Attachment A).
3. The documents appended to this affidavit were obtained through internet research, review of the "Public Comments" submitted in the Siting Board's online DMM page for this case, and through filings made by the Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation ("CCRP").
4. As shown in the CCRP revised Request for Intervenor Funding (June 26, 2017)(Attachment B)("CCRP Request"), at page 3, Gary Snell Sr. of 831 State Highway 72, Potsdam, New York, 13676 is listed as the Chair of CCRP.
5. As shown in the CCRP Request, at page 3, Jane Snell also resides at 831 State Highway 72, Potsdam, New York, and is listed in Gary Snell's resume (Attachment A, page 2) as Gary Snell's wife.
6. Upon information and belief, some or all of the other individuals with the surname Snell,

listed in Attachment B page 3, are Gary Snell's children and relatives.

7. CCRP maintains two websites—<http://www.nnywind.com> and <http://concernedcitizensforruralpreservation.wordpress.com>—and a page on the social media site Facebook. Sample pages from each of these websites is provided as Attachment C. I affirm that these websites were as they appear in the Attachment at the time listed on the bottom of each PDF; they have not been altered in any way.
8. At numerous meetings at which I have been present, and in numerous written comments, Gary Snell Sr. has made numerous public statements against wind energy and has voiced his opposition to the North Ridge Wind Energy Project.
9. Attachment D includes a number of local newspaper articles in which Mr. Snell is quoted making statements against the Project.
10. Attachment E includes written comments submitted by Mr. Snell and his spouse to the Siting Board website indicating he is “very opposed” to the North Ridge Project. These were printed screenshots from the Siting Board docket website, and have not been altered in any way.
11. Attachment F includes various anti-wind posts shared by Mr. Snell and his spouse on their personal Facebook page. These were printed screenshots from the couple's Facebook page, and have not been altered in any way.
12. Attachment G includes photographs of the anti-wind yard signs Mr. Snell has posted on his mailbox at 831 State Highway 72, and other signs present on his property.
13. Mr. Snell has appeared before, or sent correspondence to, numerous local agencies and public officials, on behalf of CCRP, speaking against the North Ridge Project. Attachment H includes minutes from a St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency meeting where Mr. Snell offered comments against the project, and minutes from the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton Board meetings where Mr. Snell offered similar comments and opinions.
14. Attachment I includes letters sent to the Superintendent of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District, the Supervisors of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville, and the St. Lawrence County Legislature, authored by Mr. Snell and posted to the CCRP website (<https://concernedcitizensforruralpreservation.wordpress.com/letters/>), lobbying against the grant of any Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements with Atlantic Wind

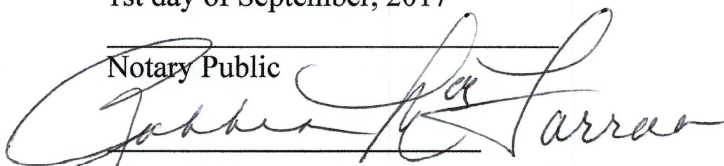
for the North Ridge Project.

15. I have been advised that Mr. Snell has been asked to attend a September 14 meeting between the Applicant and the taxing jurisdictions on Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreements. Mr. Snell is not an elected official or representative of the taxing jurisdictions, and has advocated regarding the terms of a PILOT, as identified in paragraph 13-14 and Attachments H and I.
16. Attachment J shows a screenshot from a video posted to the social media site YouTube in which Mr. Snell, during a meeting of the Parishville Town Board on June 14, 2017, urged Board members not to consider statements by the Applicant's public health expert, Dr. Christopher Ollson, PH.D., QPRA, stating that Dr. Ollson's statements were merely a "paid advertisement" for the Applicant. Mr. Snell's statements can be found around the 48:20 mark in the video.¹
17. Attachment K shows a number of additional videos posted to YouTube, in which Mr. Snell and his fellow members of CCRP lobbied against the project before Town officials, and made numerous statements demonstrative of his clear bias against wind. For example, the video² taken April 10, 2017 of the Hopkinton Town Board Meeting shows Mr. Snell, from around the 35:30 timestamp to 41:00, criticizing the Town for allowing Town Supervisors from the nearby Towns of Lowville and Harrisburg to attend the meeting to share their experience with wind projects and wind-related PILOT agreements, and questioned the credibility of these officials.
18. The attachments demonstrate personal bias against the Project and provide ample grounds to disqualify him from serving on the Siting Board.
19. For the reasons outlined above, I submit this Affidavit in support of our Motion.


SCOTT MCDONALD

Sworn to before me this
1st day of September, 2017

Notary Public


¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w978p2ObfZw>
² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkDEGNd4y3s>

Robbin MacFarran
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Saratoga County
No. 01MA6253465
Commission Expires December 19, 20__19

Attachment A



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker

Room 932
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248
(518) 455-3791

August 4, 2017



Honorable John B. Rhodes
Chair
New York State Public Service
Commission
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Dear Chair Rhodes:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 161(2) of the Public Service Law, I am hereby appointing Gary P. Snell Sr., of Potsdam, New York, as an ad hoc public member to the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment in relation to Case 16-F-0268, the Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the North Ridge Wind Energy Project in the towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County.

A copy of Mr. Snell's resume is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

CARL E. HEASTIE
SPEAKER

CEH:bh
Enclosure

RESUME

**Gary P. Snell Sr.
831 SH. 72
Potsdam, NY 13676**

**(315) 265-3299 (H)
(315) 430-5313 (C)**

**Personal data: Married to Jane (54 yrs)
4 children, 15 grandchildren , 4 great-grandchildren**

**Education: High School - Parishville- Hopkinton C.S. 1959
College: State University College at Potsdam
B. S. Degree 1963
M. S Degree 1973
St. Law. Univ . Graduate study**

**Professional Licenses: NYS
Permanent teaching certificate (Biology,Chemistry, General Science)
Secondary School Principal
School Administrator and Supervisor
School District Administrator**

**Work Experience:
Science Teacher- Potsdam Central School - 1963-69
High School Principal- Hunter Tannersville CS - 1969-1970
Elementary Principal -Potsdam Central School - 1970- 1985
Asst. Sup't- Potsdam Central School- 1985-1986
Supt. of Schools - Potsdam Central School - 1986-1998 (retired)
School Division Leader- Sear Brown Architectural Firm - 1998- 2001**

**Other : Lifelong resident of the Town of Parishville : Live in "Luke Brown House" - on
Historical Register
Built by Luke Brown -Parishville's first settler in 1823-Snell Family home since 1911 .**

Attachment B

CURTIN LAW FIRM, P.C.

Paul J. Curtin, Jr.

Attorneys at Law
www.curtinlawpc.com

Cynthia M. Curtin *
Of Counsel

Brian T. Sinsabaugh

*Admitted in California Only

June 26, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Case No. 16-F-0268: Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct up to a 100 Megawatt Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facility in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Our firm represents the Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation ("CCRP") in the above referenced proceeding before the Siting Board on Electric Generation and the Environment ("Siting Board") under Article 10 of the NY Public Service Law ("Article 10"). We submit this letter to provide clarification as to the CCRP's membership log and to submit an a revised request for intervenor funds, consistent with the comments provided by Atlantic Wind, LLC.

Contrary to the previous letter filed on this date, all 91 members listed on the membership log are members of CCRP who reside within or own real property within the boundaries of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville. The addresses provided are mailing addresses that do not clearly reflect the true locations of the property of such member. Therefore, a fourth column identifying the township has been added. *See attached.*


In addition, a revised request for intervenor funding limiting the information to pre-application stage items is attached hereto. The CCRP kindly ask that the information provided therein be referenced for purposes of your Honor's decision and order on the allocation of intervenor funds in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at bsinsabaugh@curtinlawpc.com or by phone at (315) 815-4221.

Respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

CURTIN LAW FIRM, P.C.


Brian T. Sinsabaugh, Esq.
bsinsabaugh@curtinlawpc.com

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR RURAL PRESERVATION MEMBERSHIP LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	TOWNSHIP	POSITION
Akley, Wayne	3471 George Street, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Antonucci, Frances	48 Old Dugway Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Bage, Lynda	236 Sheldon Road, Winthrop, NY 13697	Hopkinton	Member
Barrigar, Carol	374 McIntyre Road, Winthrop, NY 13697	P-H School Dist.	Member
Barrigar, Garnet	374 McIntyre Road, Winthrop, NY 13697	P-H School Dist.	Member
Belile, Patricia	113 Mosher Road, Nicholville, NY 12965	Hopkinton	Member
Benham, Kathryn	302 Days Mills Road, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980	Hopkinton	Member
Blum, Robert	2666-A State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Blum, Sherry Jo	2666-A State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Burnham, Anne	109 Picketville Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Cary-Dingle, Diane	143 Gynn Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Charleson, Chris	3049 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Charleson, Kelly	3049 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Charleson, Lorena	1046 Santamont Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Charleson, Ronald	1046 Santamont Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Condon, Helen	1737 State Highway 72, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Courtney John (III)	300 McCoy Road, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Member
Cox, Daisy	81 Woodruff Road, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Member
Cox, Tracy	81 Woodruff Road, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Member
Daby, Gilbert	54 Clark Street, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Daby, Jane	54 Clark Street, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Dailey, Luke (Lucia)	469 Chapel Hill Road, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Treasurer
Dailey, William	469 Chapel Hill Road, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Member
Devine, Ellen	115 Connor Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Devine, Neil	115 Connor Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Fefee, Robin	1195 County Route 58, Colton, NY 13625	Parishville	Member
Gallian, Forrest	361 Sylvan Falls Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Hazelton, Frances	22 Pleasant Street, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Helfter, Bonnie	2761 State Highway 11B, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Hickman, Albert	348 Wilson Road, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980	Hopkinton	Member
Hickman, Leslie	348 Wilson Road, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980	Hopkinton	Member
Horan, Nancy	1801 State Highway 11B, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Jackson, Susan	95 Snell Drive, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Lindsey, Amber	2647 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Lindsey, Randy	2647 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Luecker, Arthur	596 Days Mills Road, St. Regis Falls, NY 12980	Hopkinton	Member
MacKay, Kathy	388 Fletcher Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Hopkinton	Member
Mahoney, John	388 Fletcher Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Hopkinton	Member
Maine, Clark	1150 Sylvan Falls Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Maine, Sandra	1150 Sylvan Falls Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Martin, Clarissa	860 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Martin, Jason	413 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Martin, Joanna	413 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Martin, Luke	156 Newton Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Vice Chair
Martin, Melvin	860 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Martin, Nathaniel	156 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Martin, Rachel	156 Newton Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member

NAME	ADDRESS	TOWNSHIP	POSITION
Martin, Savannah	156 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Miller, Anna	630 County Route 56, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Miller, Mose	630 County Route 56, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Mitchell, Amy	200 Connor Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Murphy, Laura	25 County Route 51, Winthrop, NY 13697	Lawrence	Member
Newtown, John II	477 County Route 49, Winthrop, NY 13697	Hopkinton	Member
Newtown, John J.	477 County Route 49, Winthrop, NY 13697	Hopkinton	Member
Newtown, Morgan	477 County Route 49, Winthrop, NY 13697	Hopkinton	Member
Newtown, Teresa	477 County Route 49, Winthrop, NY 13697	Hopkinton	Member
Pease, Janice	130 Beebe Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Pease, Joseph	130 Beebe Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Pendergraft, Brad	100 Penton Drive, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Pendergraft, Jakob	100 Penton Drive, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Pendergraft, Laurie	100 Penton Drive, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Pennington, Madeline	69 Page Drive, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Phippen, Cheryll	1217 Santamont Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Quinones, Raphael	95 Snell Drive, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Rice, Dolores	1 Beaver Run Lane, Dickenson Center, NY 12930	Hopkinton	Member
Rosenbarker, Beth	226 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville & Hop.	Member
Rosenbarker, Guy	226 County Route 47, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville & Hop.	Member
Snell, Christina	2442 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Snell, Gary	831 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Chair
Snell, Gary Jr.	702 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Gregory	779 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Jane	831 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Jeffrey	2442 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Hopkinton	Member
Snell, Joseph	820 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Lucas	702 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Mary	728 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Michael	964 Old Potsdam-Parishville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Michelle	702 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Patricia	820 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Richard	728 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Sean	689 Pumpkin Hill Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Tammy	964 Old Potsdam-Parishville Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Snell, Tanis	779 State Highway 72, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Spear, Angela	180 Newton Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Walzer, Patti	361 Sylvan Falls Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
White, Ellen	363 County Route 56, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Witherell, Doug	80 Connor Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Witherell, Lori	80 Connor Road, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Secretary
Witherell, Mary	3471 George Street, Parishville, NY 13672	Parishville	Member
Zook, Anna	185 Connor Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member
Zook, Levi	185 Connor Road, Potsdam, NY 13676	Parishville	Member

Please Note: All of the above-listed individuals live in, or own property within, the Town of Parishville and/or the Town of Hopkinton with the exception of Laura Murphy who is just over the Hopkinton Town line. Prior to submitting this list,

we contacted each of our members to request permission to include their names and addresses. If we were unable to make contact with a member, their name and address were excluded from the above list.

Request for Intervenor Funds

Instructions: Provide all applicable information by filling in the text boxes as indicated.
If necessary, attach additional information in a separate document.

This request is to be submitted either electronically (preferred) or by regular mail.

To submit this request electronically, save your changes and attach it to an e-mail sent to:
secretary@dps.ny.gov

To submit this request by regular mail, print it and mail it to:

Secretary,
NYS Board on Electric Generation
Siting and the Environment
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Copies must also be submitted to the Presiding Examiner and other parties to the proceeding.

TO THE SECRETARY:

I hereby provide a request for intervenor funds in the following Article 10 case before the NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment:

Case Number: 16-F-0268

Title of Case: Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the North Ridge Wind Energy Project in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County.

Name of Party: Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation ("CCRP")

Contact Person: Brian T. Sinsabaugh, Esq.

Firm Name: Curtin Law Firm, PC

Contact Address: 42 Albany Street
Cazenovia, New York 13035

Contact Telephone Number: 315.815.4221

Contact E-mail Address: bsinsabaugh@curtinlawpc.com

Amount of Funds Requested: \$17,500

IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

The basis of eligibility for intervenor funds is as follows: (Check one)

- ☐ **Eligible Municipal Party** [County, city, town or village located in New York State that may be affected by the proposed major electric generating facility]
- ☐ **Eligible Individual Local Party** [Person residing in a community who may be individually affected by the proposed major electric generating facility]
- ☒ **Eligible Group Local Party** [Persons residing in a community who may be collectively affected by the proposed major electric generating facility]

1(a) Provide a statement of the number of persons the requesting party represents:

The Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation ("CCRP") represents the land owners and residents of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville, including the growing Amish population. Membership has continued to increase to-date. Currently, CCRP's membership consists of 91 persons who reside and/or own real property within the boundaries of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville.

1(b) Provide a statement of the nature of the interests the requesting party represents:

The CCRP is comprised of members who are land owners and residents of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville, in which the proposed wind turbine development would take place. The CCRP was formed to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the land owners and residents of the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville is protected, by providing a singular, focused voice for its members through which such member landowners and residents may most effectively participate in the Article 10 process.

2(a) Provide a statement of the efforts that have been made to obtain funds from other sources:

Other than unsolicited in-kind donations of its members (who are of limited means), Atlantic Wind, LLC's intervenor funding is the only other source of funds for the CCRP.

2(b) Provide a statement of the availability of funds from the resources of the requesting party:

As stated above, the CCRP's funds are comprised solely of in-kind donations of its members and supporters. Such donations consist primarily of donations of office supplies and vehicle/transportation expenses. The CCRP does have an organizational checking account which is held separately the funds of any private members and all such funds are made available for use by the organization only. As of this date, such account holds approximately \$310. The CCRP has no other funding available at this time.

2(c) Provide a statement of the availability of funds from the resources of sources other than the requesting party:

The CCRP has no other financial resources at its disposal.

3(a) Indicate the type of funds being sought: (Check one)

- ☒ **Pre-Application Stage Funds** [Generally available upon the filing by the Project Applicant of a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS)]
- ☐ **Application Stage Funds** [Generally available upon the filing by the Project Applicant of an Article 10 Application]

IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

3(b) State the amount of funds being sought:

The CCRP is requesting \$17,500 in intervenor funds. This amount is equal to one half of the full amount the intervenor funds, and will cover a portion of those funds required to obtain proper representation by Curtin Law Firm, PC and E-Coustic Solutions, LLC., which are estimated to be between a total of \$17,280 and \$19,380.

4(a) If expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others are to be employed, provide to the extent possible, the name and qualifications of each person to be employed:

The intervenor funds would be used to retain the services of the following:

Paul J. Curtin, Jr., Esq.
Curtin Law Firm, P.C.
42 Albany Street
Cazenovia, NY 13035

Curtin Law Firm, PC will provide the CCRP legal counsel throughout the Article 10 pre-application stage.

Richard R. James
E-Coustics Solutions, LLC
P.O. Box 1129
Okemos, MI 48805

Richard R. James will provide the CCRP with expert review, analysis and comment on the Applicant's Preliminary Scoping Statement and the applicable local municipal wind laws.

**** C/V and information attached ****

IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

- 4(b) If expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others are to be employed and it is not possible to provide the name of each person to be employed, provide for each person that cannot be named a statement of the necessary professional qualifications for the person:

- 5 Provide, if known, the name of any other interested person or entity who may, or is intending to, employ any such expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others:

Town of Hopkinton
Town of Parishville
The Parishville Hopkinton Alliance

IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

- 6(a) For all expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others to be employed, provide a detailed statement of the services to be provided:

Mr. Curtin represents the CCRP in the current Article 10 proceeding. To date his cost to the organization has been underwritten by limited funding received through in-kind donations of its members and supporters (as previously described above). During the stipulation phase when the parties and applicant are negotiating what to include in the final scoping document and what is to be considered for examination and study in the formal application, Mr. Curtin will attend all of these formal meetings and negotiations. The funding request is to cover any preparation costs for the stipulation phase and any legal costs associated with attending, participating and representing the CCRP.

On behalf of CCRP, Mr. James will conduct a detailed review of the applicant's scoping document to insure that potential environmental impacts, including but not limited to noise impacts, will be thoroughly and properly analyzed in accordance with federal and state mandated guidelines and/or standard accepted procedures. In addition, Mr. James will review the applicant's proposed criteria and methodology for the establishment of site baseline conditions to insure that the subsequent evaluation and/or comparison of estimated environmental impacts vs. baseline conditions is applicable and accurate. And finally, Mr. James will review the scope of proposed studies and/or field investigations to be performed by the applicant and make specific recommendations, if necessary, regarding the extent of the study area, data collection methods, etc.

- 6(b) For all expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others to be employed, provide a detailed basis for the fees requested, including hourly fee, wage rate, and expenses:

Paul J. Curtin, Jr., Esq. / Curtin Law Firm, PC:

Hourly Rate: \$265.00
Review & Reporting (4 hrs): \$1,060.00
Stipulation Conference (32 hrs): \$8,480.00
Travel (4 days): \$3,840.00
Total: \$13,380.00

Richard R. James / E-Coustic Solutions, LLC:

Hourly Rate: \$190
Conduct review and analysis of all relevant portions of the applicant's preliminary scoping statement, consultation and reporting of findings from review of the applicant's preliminary scoping statement and other Article 10 documentation, as provided.
Total Estimate: \$3,900-6,000

IF NECESSARY, ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

- 6(c) For all expert witnesses, consultants, attorneys, or others to be employed during the Pre-Application Stage, provide a detailed statement specifying how such services and expenses will make an effective contribution to review of the Preliminary Scoping Statement and the development of an adequate scope of appropriate studies for the application to be submitted and thereby provide early and effective public involvement:

Article 10 rules state that once a stipulation agreement has been reached the parties can no longer object to any issues related to the methods and approach in future hearings and proceedings. For that reason, the CCRP has elected to have its attorney present during these negotiations to protect the interests of the CCRP and its land owner and resident members, and to ensure that all issues considered by the applicant are comprehensive and studied fully. The CCRP also has elected to obtain professional expert representation by Mr. Richard R. James. Because of the complexities of the project itself and the information contained in the preliminary scoping documentation, the CCRP has elected to seek professional assistance to ensure proper and complete review of certain provisions and stipulations of the applicant regarding ambient and acoustic noise. Professional review will not only provide a more accurate and complete review, but will ensure that such review may be performed in an effective and timely manner. Both Mr. Curtin and Mr. James are highly qualified in the review and analysis of wind turbine developments, and will provide the services necessary for effective review and comment on the PSS and corresponding documentation.

Attachment C



Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation

Speak out Against Windmills



Below is a list of Elected Officials to contact with your concerns.

Town of Hopkinton,
7 Church Street, Hopkinton, NY 12965;
Ph. (315) 328-4187; Fax (315) 328-4585

On-line Contact Form: <http://www.townofhopkinton.com/contact.html>

Elected Officials:

Susan Wood, Supervisor (Ext. 5) (Office Hrs. M & W from 6-8) (H. Ph: 315-328-4321);
swood@nnyemail.com

Join us!



CCRP is a group of neighbors, friends, local government people and business owners from the Parishville Hopkinton area who research information about INDUSTRIAL WINDPOWER and then inform the local public about the full scope of realities involved with Industrial Wind projects. We believe that ALL members of the community should be protected and fully informed when Industrial Wind projects are under consideration. We strongly support the principal of HOME RULE in our New York State Constitution, and insist upon our right to control the future of our towns and counties.

We hope you will join us to educate, communicate and advocate to keep our homes livable, our towns friendly and our future rural. We do not require dues or membership fees. However we do encourage you to sign our petitions, attend public meetings to speak your mind, contact us for yard signs and spread the word to relatives, neighbors and friends.

Give us a call 315-265-2404

Email: nyconcernedcitizens@gmail.com

Or find us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CitizensForRuralPreservation/>



Learn more about Windmills in NY



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<http://www.newsday.com/.../rural-america-keeps-rejecting-big-...>



Opinion: Rural America keeps rejecting Big Wind

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Avangrid said in its application that "a larger rotor-swept area may increase the risk to birds and migratory bats from collision with turbine blades and that a lower minimum blade tip clearance could make low flying avian species, such as gamebirds or songbirds, more susceptible to collision."

<https://www.bizjournals.com/.../apple-s-oregon-wind-farm-clea...>



Apple's (AAPL) Oregon wind farm cleared for super-sized turbines - Portland Business Journal

Regulators say yes to behemoths with 136-meter rotor diameters.

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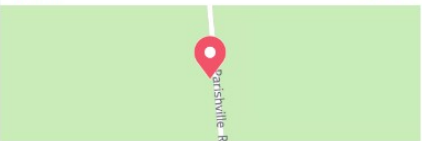
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<http://northcountrynow.com/.../hopkinton-town-supervisor-requ...>

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<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/.../take-a-stand-wind-proj...>

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NORTH RIDGE PROJECT

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Multi-billion dollar Spain based industrial energy company Iberdrola... also know as Atlantic Wind LLC, and Avangrid Renewables LLC in the U.S. is moving forward with their proposal to build The North Ridge Wind Farm Project in northern New York.

The Applicant, Atlantic Wind LLC, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC ("AR") is proposing to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility. The Project is intended to be an approximately 100 megawatt (MW) wind powered electric generating facility proposed by the Applicant to be located in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, in St. Lawrence County, New York.

The North Ridge Wind Farm Project is a proposed 100 MW project located within the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville, in St. Lawrence County, New York. The proposed Project Area is depicted in Figure 1 and covers approximately 33.3 square miles. During the development phase of the Project, Atlantic Wind will lease approximately 8,000 acres of land, which will be spread out over this larger Project Area. However, once the Project is constructed, the proposed permanent improvements would utilize less than 100 acres, where turbines, collection lines, roads and facility components are constructed and buffers around these features are maintained. At that point, the vast majority of previously leased land will be released from lease agreements and would not be included in the Facility, once constructed.

The Study Area includes the Towns of Potsdam, Stockholm, Pierrepont, Colton, and Lawrence in St. Lawrence County; and the Towns of Dickinson and Waverly in Franklin County. The proposed Study Area is depicted in Figure 2 and covers approximately 273.98 square miles, extending 5 miles in all directions from the Project Area's boundary.

PROPOSED NEXT STEP

The Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) and the Application will further define the Study Area and will discuss Project alternatives. For purposes of the Public Involvement Program (PIP), the Project Area has been defined broadly to include proposed land for the Project components included in the Project. As the Article 10 process develops, specific Project component locations will be identified, in compliance with the siting criteria referenced herein, and discussed with the public, stakeholders and the affected agencies through the PIP plan provided herein. It is presumed that any potential alternative component locations would be located within the municipalities identified herein.

Please download and read these important documents for further process clarification:
[FACT SHEET](#) - New York State's Process for Considering Sites for Wind Farms (pdf)

[PIP \(Public Involvement Program\)](#) Avangrid current submission to NY DPS (pdf)

[\(PSS\) Preliminary Scoping Statement](#) filed with the DPS on May 4, 2017 (pdf)

The Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) and associated attachments filed can be found at [DPS website under case number 16-F-0268](#). This action begins a 21 day comment period.

FIGURE 1 Project Area (enlarge)

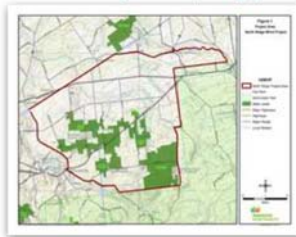
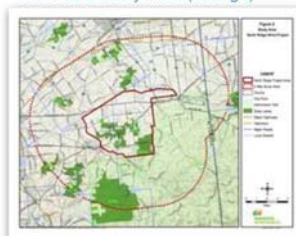
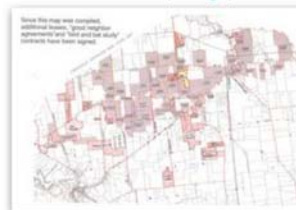


FIGURE 2 Study Area (enlarge)



WIND LEASE MAP (enlarge)



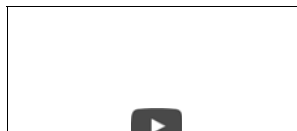
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concerned citizens for rural preservation

We are a volunteer group of citizens providing information about the Industrial Wind Farm project that is proposed in Hopkinton and Parishville, NY.

CCRP is a group of neighbors, friends, local government people and business owners from the Parishville Hopkinton NY area who research to the best of our ability, information about INDUSTRIAL WIND POWER and then try to inform the local public about any realities involved with Industrial Wind projects.

We believe that ALL members of the community should be protected and fully informed when Industrial Wind projects are under consideration. We strongly support the principal of HOME RULE in our New York State Constitution, and insist upon our right to control the future of our towns and counties.

We hope you will join us to educate, communicate and advocate to keep our homes livable, our towns friendly and our future rural. We do not require dues or membership fees. However we do encourage you to sign our petitions, attend public meetings to speak your mind, contact us for yard signs and spread the word to relatives, neighbors and friends.



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Opinion: Unite against wind turbine company, says Fort Jackson

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<https://www.wind-watch.org/>

Ontario Wind Resistance - Wolfe Island, Ontario Wind Turbines
<http://ontario-wind-resistance.org>

Ask at Town Meeting: Where is our wind ordinance? Suggestions from Maine residents. March 01, 2017
<http://www.friendsofmainesmountains.org>

River Residents Against Turbines (River RATs) is a community voice dedicated to preserving the health, economy, environment, beauty, and culture of the 1000 Islands by opposing the Horse Creek Wind Project.
<http://www.riverresidentsagainturbines.com/>

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Opinion: wind turbines are politically motivated energy goal, says Parishville resident

To the Editor:

In response to the March 15-22 North Country This Week Letter to the Editor: "Proposed Wind Farms: Change Is Never Easy: apparently Iberdrola Renewables is feeling a need to ramp up their messaging operation in St. Lawrence County.

Bill starts out making essentially the same tired old argument that wind developers have been making to hesitant community members for a long time. They try to tell us that we are stubborn fuddy-duddies resistant to change and progress. Often that point takes the form of telling us that back in the late 1800s people were upset over the unsightliness of telegraph poles that were going up. But after a while, they assure us, folks didn't even notice anymore that the telegraph poles were there. They got used to them and quickly became a non-issue.

So too -- they want us to believe -- that 500 foot plus spinning blinking (often noisy) machines will blend into the unnoticed backdrop of our daily lives.

They want us to believe that any instance of severe weather -- or lack of severe weather, such as last summer's dry spell -- indicates that we are undergoing accelerated climate change. And further, they want us to believe that a sprinkling of wind farms across upstate New York are going to have an effect on changing the global climate.

We would have to pretty much carpet bomb vast swaths of upstate New York with wind turbines to meet a politically motivated energy goal that will serve only political purposes. Do most residents of Hopkinton and Parishville really want to turn over their communities to serve that purpose?

Iberdrola Renewables and the letter writer want us to start feeling bad about ourselves for being anti-progress. Nice try. In fact, when wind industry messaging becomes this intellectually insulting it is counterproductive to their purposes. But they don't seem to get that yet.

The letter tries to suggest to us that wind is an economically viable form of generating electric power. Maybe Bill doesn't know better than that, but Iberdrola Renewables certainly knows better than that. Not even close. The wind industry needs every federal, state and local tax break and subsidy it can get in order to make the business math work. It is no overstatement to say that wind is an industry that is built on siphoning public money for private profit. Understand this. It is a flat out hard fact. There is not one utility scale wind project that has ever been built in the United States that was not the beneficiary of federal tax credits as well as deeply discounted local school and property tax concessions -- typically in the form of a PILOT. As one wind industry executive put it, "No PILOT - No project."

Even if a wind developer did find that they could afford to build the project subject to full industrial taxation, they would never do it. To do that would set a precedent throughout the wind industry that no wind developer wants to set. To repeat, no wind developer in the United States has ever been required to pay local taxes that any other industrial or commercial concern would be required to pay.

No wonder Iberdrola is calling on their local mouthpieces to say something, upon hearing that St. Lawrence County residents are questioning the need for a PILOT. A PILOT is not just a little frosting on the cake for Iberdrola Renewables. They have to have it and they will insist on having it on their terms.

The wind industry keeps talking about the technical efficiencies that are being brought to bear to make wind power generation more economical. The author of the letter dutifully makes that point too. What Bill wasn't saying is that the only increased technical efficiencies are the result of the much larger wind turbines that are presently becoming the norm.

The wind turbines that many may have seen on the Tug Hill, on Wolfe Island, or up in Franklin and Clinton Counties are much smaller than what Iberdrola Renewables will be sticking in the ground in Hopkinton and Parishville if they get their way. Bigger swept rotor area and taller turbine towers that reach higher into the air are more efficient for obvious reasons. They are also, just as obviously, even more visually intrusive.

I am a non-participating landowner.

Gary Snell

Parishville

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Towns divided over proposed wind project

Families torn over wind development

By MATT LINDSEY

From stares and mumblings at public meetings to stolen wind signs and frequent opposing opinion pieces in *North Country This Week*, Avangrid's proposed 40-turbine wind farm has impacted friendships and family relationships in Parishville and Hopkinton.

Some anti-wind tower residents have created new friendships through the Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation (CCRP) that opposes the proposed North Ridge Wind Farm. In other cases, a rift has been created between long-time acquaintances and family members who are on opposite sides of the wind turbine debate.

"Some people aren't the same toward each other in public," said Hopkinton wind opponent Janice Pease, who plans to run for the town board this fall. "Some of my family who are pro-wind have said they are no longer calling me family; which if they choose money over health and family, then I guess we have little in common anyway."

"For those of us who have educated ourselves on the swindle of wind farms -- it is hard to understand how people could sell out their community for money," Hopkinton resident Kelly Pullano said.

Parishville resident Gary Snell Sr., who is also against building the wind farm, says that he is upset with the way the project started. "They (Avangrid) contacted landowners prior to talking to the towns." "I've seen division between friends who are no longer speaking -- family issues," Snell said.

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The proposed wind farm in Hopkinton would bring turbines like this to the proposed North Ridge Wind Farm in Parishville and Hopkinton.

Personal attacks over wind issues

By MATT LINDSEY

HOPKINTON -- Three residents who have signed leases to locate wind turbines on their property say they have been persecuted publicly because they stand to gain monetarily, but they still favor wind power to combat taxes and global warming.

Avangrid wants to build the 40-turbine North Ridge Wind Farm in Parishville and Hopkinton. The wind farm could mean a significant cut in property taxes, benefit schools and create a positive ripple effect on the local economy, supporters say.

But opponents say turbines can damage health, devalue property and damage the local economy.

At times the debate has turned ugly with accusations of harassment and theft.

"We've had some stolen signs -- it's rather sophomoric," said Hopkinton leaseholder Frank Potenzano. "People are yelling at each other in meetings -- this is not the way people in Hopkinton are -- I've lived here for 45 years and people have always been great."

Fellow Hopkinton leaseholder Gail Kelly said she left a recent meeting feeling "so humiliated" after a wind turbine opponent read a letter to the editor that Kelly had submitted to a newspaper and critiqued it publicly. "I've never seen anything like that. I am 67 years old and that's a little embarrassing."

"No friends lost," said Richard "Dick" Eakins, a Hopkinton farmer and leaseholder. "People that didn't like me before still don't like me -- they were not my friends anyways."

Noting "taxes are a major expense for everyone ... all residents," Eakins said. "This is one way to

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Big job for small towns

By MATT LINDSEY

As small towns like Parishville and Hopkinton have struggled in creating wind turbine laws, many residents wonder if elected officials are capable of handling such a large-scale project and making a decision that is best for everyone.

There are concerns over ethics, local leaders not listening to their constituents and an overall feeling that the complexities tied to the proposed 40-turbine North

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Permission granted

Canton girl will raise chickens

By ADAM ATKINSON

CANTON -- Twelve-year-old Gabriella Schuckers received the nod from the village board at their meeting last week to raise chickens at her Pine Street home in the spring.

Schuckers, the daughter of Stephanie and Michael Schuckers, attended the regular board meeting with an information packet on the type of chicken coop she plans to use and the permission of her neighbors.

The board unanimously passed a resolution to allow Schuckers permission to raise

the birds under the stipulations of section 98-3 of the village code called "Keeping of Foul & Animals."

That section states that village residents may keep fowl and livestock within the village limits at their residences as long as they secure written permission from adjoining property owners and have the permission of the mayor and board of trustees. And, as long as the animals are housed in a sanitary condition.

"I've talked to the neighbors, most of

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Village passes new rental law

By ADAM ATKINSON

CANTON -- The village's new rental registration law will get some additional fine tuning by the village attorney before the board of trustees moves forward with it.

The village board here opted to hold off passing a new rental registration law pending further review of a few concerns raised by rental property owners and residents at a public hearing held prior to the board meeting Aug. 21.

Village attorney Gerald Ducharme will review the issues raised during the hearing and present any resulting changes to the

board for consideration at their next meeting on Sept. 25.

A dozen or so rental property owners were in attendance at the public hearing prior to the meeting. Most seemed to voice support for the new law which will allow the village to have the name and phone number for a contact person for a rental property in the event of emergencies. The proposed law will additionally allow for greater enforcement of code violations regarding single family rental properties within the village. The municipality has been crafting the

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Under fire...

lower it."

Leaseholders Under Fire

"It's a very opinionated and subjective topic," said Potenzano, who will have one turbine on his State Highway 11B land if the wind farm is built. "As a landowner, I don't want to be subjected to derogatory comments."

Potenzano says he and his wife have been subjected to sneers and mumbblings at public meetings. "We've been called money grubbers, parasites and other names that can't be printed," he said. "It's a total lack of respect."

Potenzano says some of his friends are experiencing "family friction" and not speaking to relatives over the wind farm. As far as his social life is concerned, "No lost friends," he said. "We understand each other and respect each other's opinions."

Gail and Timothy Kelly could potentially have a wind turbine placed on their land, depending on if the setbacks "aren't too restrictive."

The impact the proposed wind tower farm has had on Kelly's relationships in the community is "very sad," she said.

Mr. Kelly ran a sawmill business for over 40 years in Hopkinton. "We run into people at town meetings that we've known for decades and they don't even want to talk to us," Mrs. Kelly said.

"I have walked out of town meetings due to name calling," Kelly said. "We did have signs stolen a couple weeks ago too."

Eakins says he has been unfairly criticized in opinion pieces over his farming skills. He owns about 2,000 acres on state highways 72 and 11B, and would have three turbines on his land. "People have glared at me (at meetings) — it doesn't bother me."

Eakins says anti-wind residents have tried to bully and harass others in an effort to get their way. "I've been called names... been accused of being greedy."

But Eakins says some of his friends do not attend meetings because they do not want to be harassed.

Potenzano says landowners have been quiet and let anti-wind residents "say their piece," even if it is out of turn. "If we have a comment, we speak at the appropriate time and don't inter-

rupt a meeting to blurt something out."

On Aug. 21, a wind opponent was asked to leave a wind law public hearing in Hopkinton for being "disruptive." Wood had requested a state trooper attend the meeting after reading comments made on Facebook.

Supporters Dispute Opponents

"It is frustrating — the facts don't support their position," Potenzano said. He said he has read studies and tests done by MIT and the World Health Organization and saw no evidence that wind turbines cause health or environmental issues.

Eakins also does not buy into wind turbine syndrome or similar effects. "If there was an issue with health or environmental issues the state would be all over it."

Potenzano says his interest in wind farms reflects his views on global warming.

"My wife and I redid our home in 2005 and in putting in a new heating system we wanted to do something for our grandkids — we installed a geothermal heating system — which was twice the cost of a propane or electric system," he said.

Potenzano says the carbon footprint from manufacturing wind towers "pales in comparison" to oil and coal production — which is a "constant source of pollution." "Once they are built they make clean energy," he said.

"When Avangrid approached us we were thrilled to be a part of this," Potenzano said. "We feel that global climate change is an issue that the world needs to address... we are killing this planet."

Potenzano said he understands the towers might make people anxious — "but people are also afraid of clowns... they make medications for that."

Potenzano is comfortable with tower setbacks of 1,500 feet and a sound limit of 45 dBA. He said he had access to an audiometer, which calculated his "conservative" voice at 65 to 72 dBA. "At 1,500 feet you wouldn't hear me."

"I have a hard time believing that the noise will be disruptive," Potenzano said. "I used to live near train tracks and after a few weeks we got used to it."

As for the towers impacting the scenic view many North Country residents enjoy — "I really don't see that," Potenzano said.

"On a clear day I see power lines, cell towers and silos that protrude on the tree-line — it doesn't detract as far as I am concerned," Potenzano. "There are flashing lights on cell towers 24 hours a day and that doesn't appear to bother anyone."

"Personally I don't have an issue with the aesthetics (of wind towers) — even before the possibility of a wind farm we had no issues with them," Kelly said.

"They will be less visible — they are well planned out compared to Franklin and Clinton counties," Kelly said.

Eakins said the loss of a scenic view is what he feels bothers the most people who are opposed. "It's hard to sell a scenic view on why not to have them (towers)," he said.

Kelly said she has seen no evidence of home losing value once a wind farm is built in an area.

"We watched property being sold in Brainardville and there were no issues selling homes," Kelly said. "What is different," she says, "is that several new homes have been erected that can look out and see the turbines — we aren't seeing what people told us we would see."

Eakins agreed he has not seen evidence of properties being devalued following wind turbine construction.

Kelly thinks the setbacks should be less restrictive. Her land is in the Adirondack Park, which has been a debated topic at town government meetings, relating to the wind overlay zone which could see the wind overlay zone expanded south of SH 72 to allow towers to be sited closer to the ADK park.

If the 2,500-foot setback is implemented, Kelly did not feel that Avangrid would be able to come place one on her land. "If we don't get one (on her land) that's okay — if Hopkinton gets them it will be good for the economy."

Wind Money Windfall?

"Any way for the town to get money, I don't care," Eakins said about PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) agreements. "If the town wants tax payments we may have to wait 10 years."

So far, there are no wind farms in New York State that do not have a PILOT agreement that provides for less payments than full taxation would

require.

Even though the job is only expected to create five or six permanent jobs, Eakins said he feels the "spinoff is far better than that."

"Roads will need maintenance — if you put that much money into the community it will lead to more school employees and maybe even more town employees," Eakins said. "More good will come out of it."

Kelly believes that a tax break for property owners and revenue for the town would benefit all.

"Taxes will be lower, towns will get new equipment that they need now or will need in the future," Kelly said. "Taxes are rising and schools are cutting back... it would be nice to put back all that was lost for schools (during cutbacks)."

Kelly is "comfortable" with the idea of a PILOT agreement. "It helps ensure steady income for towns and schools, as opposed to depreciation from the towers."

Kelly said having a known income would allow towns and Parishville-Hopkinton Central to budget more easily.

"Look at the proposal compared to other farms in New York — Avangrid has been fair," Kelly said.

Eakins says he wants wind towers for a "combination of several factors."

"About 20 years ago I was riding around with some friends and it was said that this country hasn't built anything major in years to increase our energy source — every time it does someone blocks it," Eakins said.

"Yes I will make money — it will help — but it won't pay all of my taxes," he said.

Eakins said PILOT/tax money can be used to fix bridges and other infrastructure and could be used to lessen the high debt load of the government.

"I feel it would spur the economy in the area," Eakins said. "It's a depressed area."

Eakins, who came under fire for a banner that said Hopkinton taxes would be cut by 50 percent, says he stands by that statement.

"I asked (Susan Wood) 'do you think the town will get \$300,000' (from Avangrid) — and she said we should get at least that," Eakins said.

The town budget for last year was \$560,000. "At least it gets people thinking," Eakins followed up with.

"I am not moving... I am not retiring... I will continue to farm whether they (turbines) come or not," Eakins said.

"We aren't in it for the money — we've been pro-wind for many years," Kelly said.

Rental law...

law for several months. Among the recent issues raised tonight, was a request by resident John McKlosky for more clarity in the language of the law regarding the definition of single family dwellings, multifamily dwellings, and whether or not condominiums and townhouses fall under those particular definitions.

Residents Tom Jenison and Linda Fay also voiced support for the idea of allowing a "to the best of my knowledge" stipulation in the self-certification aspect of the new law which allows rental property owners to avoid

formal code inspection. That stipulation would allow property owners to sign off on the self-certification and still potentially be held blameless in the event their renter is found to be breaking code without the owner's knowledge later on.

Fay pointed out an example of where this could be applied, describing a situation where one of her renters was not supposed to have potentially dangerous dogs at a rental unit. It was discovered that they instead had three large cats and 12 chickens in the basement. Fay said.

"Sometimes you just don't know," said Fay. "It can be amusing, but also frustrating."

Diane Exoo, local attorney, St. Lawrence University law professor and rental property owner, said during discussion that many of the properties in the village would probably not pass a code inspection currently. She expressed concern about the legal language in the self-certification process which currently states that landlords who self-certify a property inspection when that property is not up to code would be perjuring themselves. She said a landlord may not be able to see all of the code problems in a rental unit. "We don't have x-ray vision."

"Well you don't have to have x-ray vision to self-certify," said Mayor Dalton.

The proposed law requires a code inspection of rental units within the village. That inspection could be done by the village code enforcement office, requiring a fee as it does currently. That amount under the existing law is \$20, but it would be expected to go up. The landlord can also self-certify an inspection, which requires no fee and obligates them to fill out a basic information form verifying that their property is up to code.

Ducharme will look at the possibility of potentially softer language in the self-certification process, instead of the term perjury and also whether or not civil penalties could be worked into the law instead of a perjury accusation.

The attorney will also review other language in the law to see if additional changes may be necessary. If no substantial changes are made to the proposed ordinance, the board could pass the new rental registration law at their next meeting.

If changes are to be made, the trustees and mayor will have to schedule another public hearing to allow more comment prior to passage.

The law being considered currently would not have to pay rental registration fee for three possible fees for rental property owners — a one-time registration fee, and a rental permit fee of \$10 and inspection fee, both of which would be renewed every three years. There would be no fee for self inspection.

Rental property owners however would not have to pay rental registration fee (potentially around \$25) if they registered their properties with the village clerk's office within 90 days of the new law taking effect or within 30 days of acquiring a new rental property.

Copies of the proposed law and all the related forms can be found on the village website at <http://www.canton-newyork.us/rental-law-2/>.

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Big job...

Ridge Wind Farm may be too much for town officials to handle. Other residents are content with how officials have handled the issue thus far and some have mixed emotions.

Luke Dailey, a wind farm opponent from Parishville, feels the wind project is "too big of a job for local towns" to deal with.

Frank Potenzano, who has signed a lease to locate a turbine on his land in Hopkinton, feels officials went into discussions with their minds already made up—but praised the wind project advisory board in Hopkinton for being unbiased.

Parishville resident Gary Snell Sr. points to surveys and petitions that seem to imply residents do not want a wind farm in their communities. "Listen to the constituents—not your own personal choice—the code for public officials is to go with the majority of the population."

"I don't feel they have been handling it well," said Hopkinton resident Richard "Dick" Eakins of both town governments. He has signed a lease to locate a turbine on his land.

Due to the local political climate, many are afraid to speak out, Hopkinton resident Janice Pease said. "This has pushed me to realize I have to be part of the process, be more involved in local politics. I think for too long the town has been quiet, decisions have been made by too few because so many of us have busy lives."

Town Council Candidates

The wind controversy has prompted Pease and fellow Hopkinton resident Kelly Pullano to run for town council seats this fall. "I believe our town needs new representation, increased transparency, and more public involvement," said Pease.

Town councilmen Greg Crump and Gilbert Sochia are up for reelection this year.

"I do see ethical problems on the board. One councilman could not vote due to the ethics law, so the town board voted in a new ethics law so that the councilman could vote," Pullano said. Crump has twice abstained from voting and discussing wind tower issues following ethics law complaints, but is now eligible to participate.

"Town board members (in Hopkinton) include the fire chief, assistant fire chief, a (family member of a) leaseholder and one apparently neutral councilwoman," Pullano said. "Although the fire department has not had any offers of money from Avangrid, it is common knowledge that the fire department would stand to gain financially if the windmills come."

"With a project like this it is irresponsible and unethical to not have made contact with every individual household, camp, and seasonal dwelling," said Pease.

(Dis)satisfaction with Officials

Wood has remained neutral at meetings, Potenzano believes, adding that "she hasn't taken a stand." But he is much more critical of the Parishville Town Board, saying that council members there are "trying to change law to fit their own interest." "We are distressed as a town—to write a restrictive law is detrimental to the town," said Potenzano. But Snell praised the Parishville Town Board for taking all information into account and making an informed decision about its wind laws.

"That's not happening in Hopkinton," Snell Sr. said. "The (Hopkinton) town board did not take the advice from the advisory board—it is unfortunate."

"Town officials need to protect the well-being of their residents," said Parishville resident Lori Witherall. "The bottom line is that all they (Avangrid) cares about is money."

Witherall claims a windy area isn't even a priority when companies choose a wind farm location. "They pick some place with a poor economy," she said. "They know towns don't have the legal resources to fight against it."

When asked how town council members are expected to make decisions for the town, Wood said, "I would hope they are doing what is best for the town (not voting purely on personal opinion)."

"Sometimes what we feel is best for the town people may not agree with—no matter what you do there will be people upset," Wood said.

Pullano offered praise for Wood stating, "Our town supervisor has been involved getting as much information as she can."

But Hopkinton resident Gail Kelly has questions about how the issues have been handled by local government officials. "In hindsight it could have been handled different."

"It's sad that one or two board members in Hopkinton can block what the advisory board community members have worked so hard for," Witherall said.

Chickens...

They are very happy," said the 12-year-old. Schuckers provided the board with photos of the type of professionally built coop she intends to use to house the animals, and said she was prepared for the necessary cleanup duties.

Schuckers said she has wanted to keep chickens since she was in daycare and the provider kept fowl there.

"I wanted either chickens or bunnies, and my parents don't like bunnies," Schuckers said. The aspiring poultryer told the board she would not be raising roosters.

Gabriella said she was paying for the chicken feed herself from profits of selling the eggs back to her parents. She plans to raise Ameraucana chickens which produces blue and blue-green eggs.

Trustees quipped that if she had extra eggs to sell, that she should bring them to the board meetings.

"I appreciate that you are here and that you've done the legwork," said trustee Beth Bullock Larrabee.

"There are others in the village that are raising chickens and it has worked out," said Mayor Michael Dalton.

Divided families...

"Very few will benefit from the project."

"I hope they do what they say they are going to do," Parishville resident Lori Witherall said about Avangrid's plan to build only 40 towers. She, and other anti-wind residents fear that the 40 towers is just the beginning of a larger-scale wind facility. "People up here take them (Avangrid) at their word—it's not an intelligence issue, it's the city versus country lifestyle," Witherall said.

Impact on Family and Friends
Snell said he had seen some harassing posts online, but no direct threats.

Snell was more concerned with getting information out to the public and welcomed people of all opinions to attend wind-related meetings.

Snell took exception to advertisements in local newspapers pitting Parishville and Hopkinton residents against each other and said accusations against the CCRP, which he is the chairs of, were "unfortunate." The group has been accused of making threats, derogatory comments and stealing pro-wind signs.

Snell said that wind turbine leaseholders are the "minority" and that they "should not control the welfare of the entire community."

Parishville resident Will Dailey describes himself as a "wind over-ower." His wife, Luke Dailey, is very much alive but spends countless hours devoted to researching wind towers and informing the public, he said.

"We've met good people—no matter what happens," Mrs. Dailey said.

"I have met some incredible individuals who are like-minded and willing to fight for our community," Pullano said.

Mrs. Dailey said she was aware of one threat made toward her group. "You're going to get lynched—I am surprised you haven't been lynched yet," Mrs. Dailey said about a conversation that allegedly took place at a local gas station between a relative of a leaseholder and an anti-wind resident.

Mrs. Dailey said many from her group have travelled to other wind farms in the state to speak with residents and claim that "people are still not speaking—even seven or eight years later." "There are fights at Christmas dinner."

Some Plan to Move

If the wind farm comes, "I will move," Witherall said with tears in her eyes. "We will definitely move—my husband will be retiring soon and we won't be able to enjoy our home."

Pullano says she and her family plan to move too if the wind farm is built. "I enjoy the small town, small school and everything else that comes with small town living."

"My family of six moved here over 13 years ago because we love nature and all that goes with it," Pullano said. "Once we litter our horizons with flashing lights and the 'whoosh whoosh' of the windmills, we will never have it back."

"Since I found out about the North Ridge Wind project, about a year and a half ago, my life has completely changed," Pease said. "It seems pointless to see long-term plans though and make investments in our property, knowing that once they are here, our property will be worth considerably less, regardless of improvements."

Clarkson University professors Martin Heintzelman and Carrie Tuttle studied over 11,000 real estate transactions over nine years in Northern New York to explore the impact new wind facilities have on property values. The conclusion was that the value of property near wind turbines dropped in Clinton and Franklin counties—but they found no impact in Lewis County.

The results indicate that existing compensation to local homeowners/communities may not be sufficient to

prevent a loss of property values, the professors said of the study.

"I am not naive enough to believe that Avangrid will stay in compliance, the monitoring is not adequate, response time is terrible according to testimony, and there really is no incentive to stay in compliance with only a \$350 fine," Pease said.

Pease believes that a 35dBA will be too high. "I will not submit my children to this manmade low-frequency and infrasound. I believe in precautionary thinking and will move to avoid any foreseeable harm to my family."

Snell said the towers will likely not be viewed from his home, but will be for many of his family and friends. "I am not fighting to protect my own home, I am fighting for residents."

Snell has no plans to move away—but said he has heard rumors that some in the Amish community "would be inclined to move away" if Avangrid builds a wind farm here.

Health, Environment, Aesthetics, and Money

It can be difficult distinguishing fact from fiction with so many differing "expert" opinions online and testimonials from both sides.

"First of all, we do try to substantiate everything that we hear," Witherall said. "Secondly, we try to consider the source—if it is put out by the wind industry and not an independent researcher, there is much more skepticism because their bottom line is to promote these projects rather than tell the truth."

"After researching industrial wind turbines, for well over a year now, I can say the disadvantages greatly outweigh the benefits," Pease said. "The environmental price for these enormous industrial turbines is disgusting, especially since they are being pushed as the green solution to global warming."

Pease claims industrial wind turbines contribute to global warming—"their carbon footprint is a joke," she said.

Pease says the fact that millions of trees are cut during the erection of industrial turbine power facilities should alarm people. "Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas which influences our planet's climate, so if the argument for turbines is to reduce global warming, this is something that needs to be considered."

Pease also cited pollution produced manufacturing turbines, toxic lakes and dead zones from mining minerals, the environmental cost of transporting materials, the disposal of the turbines, aquifer/water contamination, habitat loss, and death of wildlife.

"These companies use desperation as a bargaining chip knowing full well money is the bottom line for a lot of people and in the end this isn't about the environment," Pease said.

"Our group is very concerned about the future of our planet and we are very concerned about global warming," Witherall said. "We agree that alternative energy sources must be utilized and we agree that we all need to do our part to cut back on the amount of energy and natural resources we use. In fact, several members of our group are proponents of solar energy and, of

course, hydro."

Pullano says she would like to see a minimum setback of 2,500 feet, 35dBA day and night, and that the overlay zone should not expand south of SH 72 as it is "too close to the Adirondack Park—too many wetlands and bedrock."

If the towers are built, Witherall would accept 35 dBA at night but is concerned that current setback proposals are not restrictive enough. "Residents in Chateaugay claim 2,500 feet is not far enough."

Snell said if the towers do end up in the two towns, that he would like to see a 2,500-foot setback, 35dBA at night and 40dBA daytime, but it is "strongly opposed" to a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, generally much less than the normal tax rate). "They should pay (taxes) like the rest of us."

Snell said that wind companies mislead the community about tax reduction. "It's just not a fact," he said.

"No PILOT," Pullano exclaimed. "Why should we give more money away to the already highly subsidized wind company? If it happens, they need to pay full tax assessments. It is up to Allen Fukes (town tax assessor) to figure this out. He cannot just say everyone else has a PILOT. Our residents have overwhelmingly expressed no PILOT."

"Why won't they accept land at the taxed value... why aren't they willing to pay?" Witherall asks.

The Town of Parishville has told Avangrid that they are not interested in a PILOT.

For some, just the sight of the towers is enough of a turn off to not want the wind farm.

"I don't want to look at them," Pullano said. She did note that the towers, as proposed now, will not be visible from her home.

"They are unsightly—the sound impacts and flicker effect are proven," Snell said. "Our quiet community will be invaded by these towers. I don't want it to look like Chateaugay in a few years."

Hundreds of people living near wind farms have claimed to suffer from wind turbine syndrome. The symptoms include dizziness, mild nausea, insomnia, difficulty breathing, and/or headaches.

The World Health Organization, which classifies diseases, does not recognize wind turbine syndrome, nor does the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pease cautions residents to get informed.

"Research this company (Avangrid) and fraud issues, lawsuits, compliance issues, forest fires, and water contamination, Pease warned. "Research the towns that have gone before us and now live with health complaints like Falmouth turbines in Massachusetts, Hardscrabble Wind Farm in Herkimer, and the many more worldwide."

"Leaseholders don't know what they've signed," Witherall said. "We don't blame them—we blame the wind company (for how they went about getting leases signed)."

"They (wind developers) target rural areas with no or poor zoning," Dailey said. "It's in their playbook."

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Wind farm opponents voice concerns to St. Lawrence County legislators

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CANTON — Citizens opposed to a proposed wind farm in the towns of Hopkinton and Parishville have turned to the St. Lawrence County Legislature for help in blocking the controversial project.

Opponents told county lawmakers Monday night that the North Ridge Wind Farm project proposed by Avangrid Renewables is dividing the two communities as citizens take sides on the issue.

The project involves construction of 40 wind turbines up to 500 feet tall. The company has reportedly signed lease agreements with about 54 property owners.

"This one drive by this high-powered company is driving our community apart. It's friend against friend, family against family and against relatives and neighbors because of the agreements that are being signed secretly with the landowner," said Gary Snell, chairman of Concerned Citizens of Rural Preservation.

"Please keep your ears and eyes open where we are headed. We ask for any support you can give us," he said.

Opponents are concerned a wind farm would decrease property values, have negative impacts on farming, and reduce property tax collections due to payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreements the company may reach.

They also voiced concerns about health and safety. Some Amish families are also opposed.

"This company wants to come in and negotiate a PILOT agreement with the school board and the town boards of Parishville and Hopkinton. This company is trying to avoid taxes. They don't want to be assessed and they don't want to be taxed. Why? Because they can pay approximately 10 to 20 percent as opposed to being assessed and paying the taxes on their property like you and I do," he said.

Lucia D. Dailey, Parishville, also voiced her opinion on what she believes a wind farm would have on the area's rural landscape. She distributed packets of information to legislators.

"I was not born here. I worked hard to get here and I would like to stay here. Giant, 500-foot pinwheels swirling over your head is not what I consider a wonderful, rural existence," she said.

Referring to the impact she said existing wind farm projects have had in Lowville in Lewis County and Chateaugay in Franklin County, she predicted that construction of the proposed wind farm will cause some homeowners to leave and prevent others from moving in.

"People are driven out of their homes by the turbines. In Lowville, we had a young man tell us

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that when they first came they said 34 turbines and now his home is surrounded by 196 wind turbines," Ms. Dailey told legislators. "This has happened in other places as close as Chateaugay where the police have to break up family fights on Christmas Day over wind turbines. Even if you don't feel it's close to home, it does have a huge effect on your county. We all need to stay here and work here and this will drive people out."

Luke Martin said he's been approached by the company about leasing his land, but has not received answers about whether his neighbors would receive any compensation if he does so. He said he believes some landowners are signing the leases without reading them carefully because they need money to pay their property taxes.

"There's a lot of people in our town who are farming and a couple thousand dollars makes the difference. It helps to pay the taxes," he said. "I think that's why people are signing up. They need the money, but I'm not sure in the end they're going to have that much money."

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Protest over proposed wind farm prompts St. Lawrence County Legislature to create wind committee

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 A public meeting regarding the wind project is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parishville Town Hall.

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CANTON — Opposition to a proposed wind farm in the towns of Hopkinton and Parishville has prompted St. Lawrence County Legislature to create an ad-hoc wind committee.

Headed by legislator Rick Perkins, D-Parishville, the committee met for the first time Thursday and has started to gather feedback from neighboring counties that have dealt with similar projects.

“Our role is to collect the information and present it to the full board. There’s a lot of information going out both ways,” Mr. Perkins said. “Right now, I’m very neutral. I’m for green power, but I can’t do it at the expense of citizens’ health and welfare.”

A public meeting regarding the wind project is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parishville Town Hall. Larry Lorusso, a professional photographer, will present a slide show about Hoosac



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Mr. Lorusso is also scheduled to give a presentation at the county Legislature's Services Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday at the county courthouse.

The proposed North Ridge Wind Farm has created a rift among citizens in Parishville and Hopkinton.

"It is contentious and it seems to be causing negative feelings in the community," Mr. Perkins said. The developer, Avangrid Renewables, has reached agreements with numerous landowners who are supposed to receive payments in exchange for allowing wind turbines on their property. Avangrid is a subsidiary of Iberdrola, an energy company based in Spain.

Citizens opposed to the proposed North Ridge farm have relayed their concerns at county meetings including the potential for decreased property values, negative impact on farming and possible reduction of property taxes for the municipalities and school district. Vocal opponents include Gary Snell, chairman of Concerned Citizens of Rural Preservation and Lucia D. Dailey, Parishville.

They also voiced concerns about health and safety including noise associated with wind farms.

The project involves construction of 40 wind turbines up to 500 feet tall. The company has reportedly signed lease agreements with about 54 property owners.

County Vice Chairman Joseph R. Lightfoot, R-Ogdensburg, said he has contacted officials from Jefferson and Lewis counties to learn how they handled proposed wind projects, including payment-in-lieu of tax agreements.

"I wanted to get a better feel for how they've handled problems and situations that could arise from wind farms," Mr. Lightfoot said. "As this goes forward, we won't be blind sided down the road."

Mr. Lightfoot said the committee may also contact officials from Franklin and Clinton counties about their experiences. Other committee members include legislators Donald J. Hooper, R-Ogdensburg and Chad E. Colbert, R-Potsdam.

"We want to get as much information about these things and be prepared for what's coming forward," he said.

At some point, a representative from the company is expected to make a presentation to the Legislature, he said.

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I am very opposed to this project!! Avangrid has invaded our small towns of Parishville and Hopkinton. They have secretly signed leases and have divided our communities. I have lived in the town of Parishville all my life, reside in a house that is on the National Historical register and I don't want to see everything that so many families have worked so hard to accomplish have destroyed by this invasion! The majority of residents oppose this project!! We are seeing our politicians being swayed by the promise of \$\$\$ for their town. We all must look out for the health and safety of ALL of our residents-- my 35 years in education (teacher, principal, school supt.) tell me that we must EDUCATE everyone (including the siting board) about the many negative impacts of this project-- PLEASE LISTEN!!

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I strongly oppose the North Ridge "Wind Farm" proposal, for the Parishville and Hopkinton townships, that the Spanish based company Iberdrola/Avangrid is storm trooping ahead with. Their underlying theme is "wait until we build them to see what the project entails" My concerns: A. The proposal (PSS) is flawed and vague i.e. Are the towers 500 or 600 ft tall? Are the 30 or 40 towers? We are still finalizing our wind laws--how can any siting maps be legitimate? Our infrastructure will not support the construction of these towers! B. Health issues: We have a population who suffer with heart conditions, i.e. arrhythmias, some requiring pacemakers and/or defibrillators. Many suffer from vertigo, tinnitus, and hearing loss. Many of our children are diagnosed with attention deficit disorder (ADD), autism and numerous hearing conditions. C. Water supply safety: most of the homes in our communities get their water supply from springs or wells. This project has the potential of contaminating or destroying these water supplies. D. Impact on the Adirondack Park and State land. We live in the foothills of the Adirondacks and our communities border on the Blue line of the Adirondack Park. Wind towers will impact the eco-system, visually impair the vista, and compromise the waterways. The siting map clearly shows abuse and infringement on our State forest land, a protected preserve. E. I object to any "PILOT" agreements-- I advocate absolutely NO tax reducing deals!! For the project to be fair to all townspeople (i.e. people who have not signed a lease with the company or are not benefiting with a side deal) Iberdrola/Avangrid must pay full taxes on these towers This is the only way that Iberdrola/Avangrid will held accountable for this "Wind Farm" In closing, I urge anyone in the decision making process to visit our communities and see for yourselves what we are dealing with. Thank you, Jane R. Snell--Registered Nurse.

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Wind Projects -- Who Really Pays?

In response to North Country for a Brighter Future/Avangrid:

Is the North Ridge Project ONLY a Hopkinton issue?

- Parishville is also part of this proposal.
- All surrounding towns would be negatively impacted by traffic disruption and damage to roads, bridges, and culverts during construction.
- Neighbors for miles around would be subjected to noise, vibration, blasting, and drilling, also known to negatively impact well water.
- Health problems such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, ringing in the ears, and irregular heartbeats experienced by 30% of the population could last the lifetime of the project - up to 50 years. Who will pay for these increased health costs?

Should a \$44.1 billion dollar corporation receive a 70% tax break from our towns, school, or county?

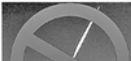
- That's in addition to the sizeable subsidies they receive through our utility bills as well as state and federal income taxes.
- Under Avangrid's request for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), they would only pay approximately 30% of full taxation for 30 years.
- NYS ONLY allows PILOTs for 15 years. Then what? How much will they be "willing to pay" once the PILOT sunsets?
- A conservative estimate for full value assessment of industrial wind projects is 1.6 million dollars per megawatt, or \$160 million dollars for a 100 MW facility. Much more revenue would be realized through full taxation then through a PILOT.

Increase the quality of education for our children?

- The proposed project will **not** increase the quality of education for our children. PILOT money is not "extra" money; it simply replaces other revenue streams such as state aid.
- The wind developer likes to showcase the benefits derived by Lowville Academy in the Tug Hill Project; however, they received additional funds through Empire Zone Tax Credits, which is no longer available.

Who actually profits?

- According to county records, only 34 families could collect up to 15 million dollars while turbine placement



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devalues properties in the surrounding area.

- "Good Neighbor" Agreements generate much less income, but surrender many of the same property rights and protections as lease and transmission agreements (easements).

"Scare Tactics? A "few people?" mainly from Parishville?"

- Residents from BOTH towns have been providing information to help neighbors make their own INFORMED decisions. To date, over 800 adults, more than 300 from Hopkinton, have signed petitions against a PILOT agreement and/or in favor of a Moratorium. These citizens have "opened their checkbooks" and spend personal time to protect you, your family, your property values, and our rural communities.

Provide how many megawatts?

- Don't confuse MEGAWATT CAPACITY with PRODUCTION. Calculations from our area show that production is only 20-25% of "nameplate" capacity.
- When the wind developer fails to meet minimum megawatt requirements for state subsidies and contracts, their solution is to add more turbines.

Reduce Taxes? For Whom?

- Taxpayers would not see a noticeable reduction in taxes, especially if one town negotiates a "Host Community Agreement." This amount would be subtracted from the total PILOT offer and the REMAINDER would be divided between the towns, school, and county to offset our property taxes.
- If some properties are abandoned, or lose value due to turbine proximity, who will make up the loss in tax revenue?

Create jobs?

- Similar-sized projects provide 1-3 permanent non-union positions for company-trained technicians who can live up to 50 minutes away from the project area.

Better roads?

- At present, 40% of our county bridges are deficient and 70% of our county roads have sub base deficiencies, 30% of which have major deficiencies. Will the wind developer repair/improve all the roads and bridges they travel, or just the ones located within the project area?

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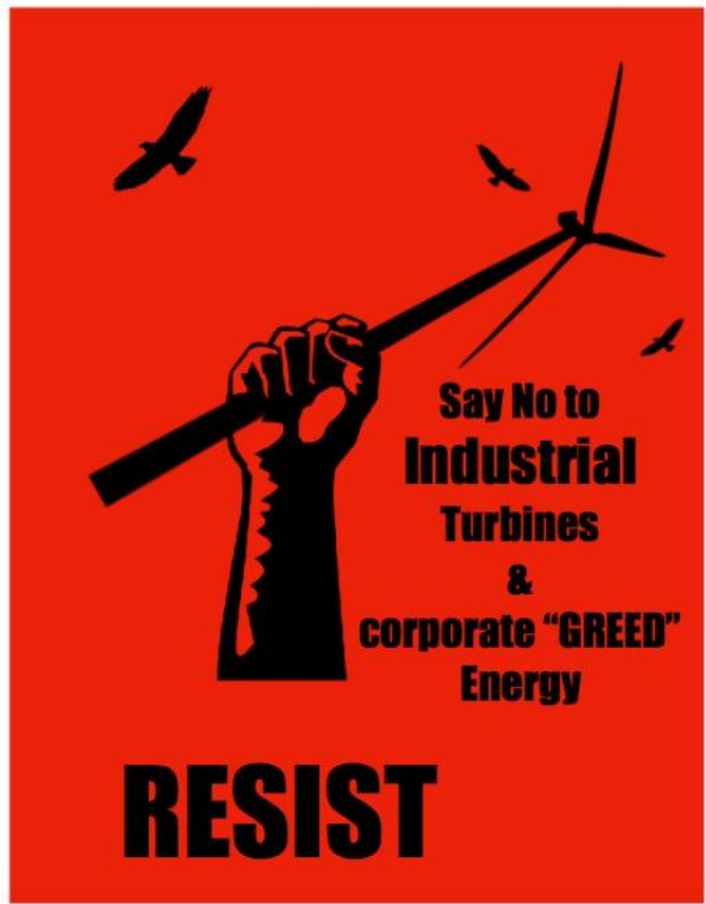


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Steve Parker (1/4 our town board) is "too busy" for a month so we have to wait until August (1 month from this last Monday) to find out if the turbines will be 1800 feet from our door & 45 dBA (which is a doubling of our ambient sound/day & night). He is telling us we can have the setbacks and dBA limits we asked for if we "GIVE HIM SOUTH OF 72" (which is where much of the wildlife area is, wetlands too). He has not given us a real reason he wants these setbacks SO CLOSE TO OUR HOMES AND OUR CHILDREN. He hasn't told us why we should allow this overlay zone for a project that shouldn't even happen here. He says "why should those people not have the opportunity to have turbines". He refused to meet with me to discuss all the scientific papers I have that back up everything I say- That the dBA is UNSAFE, that even 2500 feet is TOO CLOSE> He is haggling with us, holding us hostage with the turbines. We are fighting just to keep what we already have. He is not being made to publicly justify his "opinion". He is not representing the people who elected him. The majority of people in Hopkinton and Parishville do NOT want these. Some folks in Parishville own land in both towns and deserve a say. Lake Ozonia people deserve a say. Greg Crump is also voting for the things that Steve is but did not come to the board meeting last meeting

The Wind Advisory Board members Steve Hopkins and John Niles recommended that the sound be 35dBA day & night, and the setback be 2500 feet or 5 times the height of the turbines. The turbines can be whatever the company decides, the company is reserving the right to determine the model and height until the very end of the application phase. They reserve the right to choose the latest technology- these could be higher than 500ft. Below a quote saying there are new turbines that are 720 ft tall.

<https://thinkprogress.org/worlds-largest-wind-turbine-start...> "On Tuesday the world's largest and most powerful wind turbine swung into gear at the Danish National Test Centre for Large Wind Turbines in Østerild. The prototype V164—8.0 MW wind turbine is 720 feet tall, has 260-foot blades" John and Steve have both stepped down, their recommendations have not been taken into consideration.

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~ Meeting of November 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman LaBaff called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM at the IDA office, Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

Blevins	Present	Burke	Absent
Hall	Present	LaBaff	Present
McMahon.....	Present	Staples	Absent
Weekes.....	Absent		

SLCIDA Vice-Chairman Mr. LaBaff announces there is a quorum.

Others: SLCIDA Staff (Patrick Kelly, Thomas Plastino, Kimberly Gilbert, and Lori Sibley); SLCIDA Counsel (Andrew W. Silver, Esq.) and Company Counsel (Edmund J. Russell III, Partner from Underberg and Kessler LLP).

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent November 10, 2016 to, at a minimum: newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published; additional local media sources and websites.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Attendance: Darin Saiff (Superintendent, Parishville-Hopkinton School District); Rodney Votra (Supervisor, Town of Parishville); Susan Wood (Supervisor, Town of Hopkinton); Gary Snell Sr. and Luke Martin (Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation - Town of Parishville). Mr. Snell speaks on behalf of the Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation in the Town of Parishville and advises the board that a company named Avangrid is interested in establishing a large wind farm in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton (referred to as the North Ridge Project). Mr. Snell outlines his concerns, which he feels could cause negative impacts within the communities if governments agree to tax-break arrangements. He notes the company has alluded to very little job creation in comparison to the amount of tax incentives they may seek for this project. Mr. Kelly advises the group that the SLCIDA has not been contacted by the developer up to this point. He then notes that a process is involved when companies seek a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes ("PILOT") arrangement and further explains the process involved. Upon Mr. Votra's requests, Mr. Kelly agrees that the SLCIDA will notify the group when and if he receives an application for tax incentives for this project. Mr. LaBaff suggests conducting an opinion survey to get a consensus for where the town residents stand on the issues. Mr. Votra explains that a survey will be distributed, along with information involving the project. Mr. Martin questions how to proceed with keeping neighbors at peace with one another. Mr. Hall encourages the group to keep the lines of communication open to the public and keep them informed in order to help avoid animosity between residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting by Mr. Blevins, seconded by Mr. McMahon. Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion to accept the September and October 2016 Financial Reports by Mr. Blevins, seconded by Mr. McMahon. Carried unanimously. Mrs. Gilbert references the \$48,200 received by the Alcoa Foundation from a grant that will assist with the purchase of Contact Management Software to be used for marketing efforts in Canada, insurance payments in lieu of the buildings and automobiles, and Newton Falls Rail Rehabilitation Project expenses. In the October 2016 report, she notes larger expenses associated with the Rail Rehabilitation Project and SLCIDA-CDC project

revenues. Mr. McMahon enquires into the timeframe in which reimbursement was received by the State. Mrs. Gilbert notes that \$257,000 was reimbursed within 90 – 110 days after submitting the request and an additional \$450,000 is expected any day now. Mrs. Gilbert advises the group that she expects the larger expenditures will take longer for reimbursement. In the event that the SLCIDA needs additional funds prior to receiving reimbursements from the State, NBT has issued draft closing documents for the requested line-of-credit, which Attorney Silver is currently reviewing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Kelly reports on the following:

Alcoa: Alcoa East has officially split to form two different companies (Alcoa and Arconic). The contact we had for Alcoa East is now an Arconic employee. We continue discussions with both Alcoa and Arconic regarding space utilization.

(Former) St. Lawrence Brewing Company: Kent Family Growers is currently renting a cooler, leased by the SLCIDA to the Brewing Company. Prior to utilizing the cooler, the SLCIDA had to pay to have the equipment repaired, an unexpected expense totaling approximately \$470.

J&L Site Remediation Project: Phase 1 continues to move forward. The J&L Supersite Agreement, discussed and approved at the last meeting, was executed by all parties.

Alumni Outreach and Marketing: As part of our *Bring your Business Home* Campaign, radio ads are being broadcasted on the streaming networks during the Clarkson and St. Lawrence University hockey games which outreach Alumni owning businesses in the New England area and other areas of the Country where business operating expenses are higher. Also, Northern New York Newspapers is hosting banner advertisements on their mobile websites in November and December that can be viewed locally, out of state and out of the country to attract alumni and other business entrepreneurs to St. Lawrence County.

Grant Applications: Department of Transportation grant applications were recently submitted by the SLCIDA on behalf of Benson Mines for equipment handling upgrades; and by the SLCIDA-LDC on behalf of Dunn Paper for direct rail connection to their mill.

Drum Country Business: A resolution will be presented under New Business to authorize renewing the commitment of funds for the Drum Country Business Regional Marketing Initiative, allowing the SLCIDA to continue to promote St. Lawrence County as part of the North Country Region in its business attraction efforts.

Small Business Development Course: As part of its efforts to promote small business in St. Lawrence County, the SLCIDA is co-sponsoring a Small Business Development Course offered by the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation. The SLCIDA has been advertising and making contacts with prospective entrepreneurs and new start-up businesses to generate an interest in the 16-week Entrepreneur Training Course which began November 1st at the offices of the SLCIDA.

Clarkson University: A Thank You letter was received by President Tony Collins expressing his appreciation on behalf of Clarkson University for the support received by the SLCIDA for the Damon Hall Revitalization Project.

Mr. LaBaff references a letter he received from Clarkson University, as a follow up to his request, outlining the economic impact the University has on our communities.

Amicus Brief: As part of our support for the Amicus Brief, we will forward the Authorities Budget Office Summary Report, including our comments, to the partners involved in the Brief.

St. Lawrence Soyway Company, LLC: The Village of Massena approved the sale of the Department of Public Works property at their public hearing last night for the Soyway Mechanical Crush Project and the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved the resolution for Industrial Bond Revenue Issuance at their November 7th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution IDA-16-11-34: Final Authorizing Resolution for the Issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for St. Lawrence Soyway, LLC. The SEQRA is reviewed and there is no comment from the board. Mr. Kelly summarizes the project and notes that job creation numbers are projected to be around 38, with an additional 15 indirect jobs. Attorney Edmund Russell, III informs the board that Wilmington Trust has been selected as the Trustee of the bonds. Mr. Hall motions to approve Resolution IDA-16-11-34, seconded by Mr. McMahon. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution IDA-16-11-35: Authorizing Participation in a FY2017 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition. Mr. Kelly explains there is no financial commitment required, only input and expertise in property. The SLCIDA will be a 1/3 member of the coalition. Mr. Hall motions to approve Resolution IDA-16-11-35, seconded by Mr. McMahon. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution IDA-16-11-36: Authorizing a Commitment of Funds to the Drum Country Business Regional Marketing Initiative. A county-to-county partnership promoting our region to business prospects outside of our area. Mr. Blevins motions to approve Resolution IDA-16-11-36, seconded by Mr. Hall. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion is made to adjourn by Mr. Blevins, seconded by Mr. McMahon. The meeting adjourns at 9:10 AM by unanimous vote.

(Mr.) Lynn Blevins, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2017

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Parker.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Highway Supt., Clerk French, Assessor Allen Fukes, Code Officer Joe McGill, Jeff Snell, Scott McDonald, Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Randy Schell, Steve Bernat, Amber Lindsey, Gary Snell Sr., Joseph Snell, Richard Eakins, D. Rice, Robert Blum, Kathryn Benham, Jack Kelly, Kathy MacKay, John Mahoney, Amy Mitchell, Sandy Maine, Ellen White, Robin Fefee, Elsie Dominy, Nancy Horan, Jessica Burnett, Harold Phippen, Lisa Gray, Ilah Durant, Alden Durant, Etta Phelix, Luke Dailey, Morgan Newtown, Tom Schiltz, Kelly Pullano, Pastor Pedro, Trina Morales.

ABSENT: Councilman Sochia.

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wood welcomed Joe McGill the newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Hopkinton.

Privilege of the Floor:

Randy Shell, Supervisor from Lowville spoke to the Boards in regards to the Maple Ridge Wind Farm located in his town. He reported on the PILOT agreement and the positive impacts the wind farm has had on their town. He stated they are currently in negotiations for renewal of the PLOT agreement. They will be adding number three wind farm in the near future. He also reported on assessed value of the town and the decrease of tax rates. He also stated they had no opposition to the wind farm.

Steve Bernat, Supervisor from Harrisburg also reported to the Board their experiences with the wind farm. He stated that he is a lease holder. It has been a great benefit to the town. Property values have increased. They have been able to keep their tax levy flat.

The following persons spoke to the Board in regards to their feelings of the Proposed Wind Farms, Robert Blum, Jeff Snell, Gary Snell, Sandy Maine, Kelly Pullano, Morgan Newtown, Janice Pease, Luke Daily, Amy Mitchell. Some of the info they reported to the Board that they are concerned with is Fire Protection and what is the Fire Departments plan of action, the revision of the towns Ethic Policy, Governor Cuomo setting a 30 mile set back in the Long Island Hampton area, the only persons in town that are in favor of the wind farm are lease holders, concerns in taxation vs PILOT.

David Slater asked the Board if they had done any research on what the tax rate and assessed values are now compared to before the wind farm came in the Town of Chateaguay.

Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano Jack Kelly, Richard Eakins, Ila Durant spoke to the Board. They talked to the Board in regards to the positives the wind farm could bring to the town, such as, jobs, revenue, increase the value of the town. They also commented if the Board knew definitively that the majority of Hopkinton residents were against the wind farm. Supervisor Wood responded “no”.

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept Supervisors Financial Report for March 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 80 to 99 General Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$7,469.81 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 36 to 48 Highway Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$12,855.15 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 6 to 8 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 4 in the amount of \$499.60 were audited and approved

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by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 5 Building Account Abstract 4 in the amount of \$7,000.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

Ms Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to make the following Transfer. Adopted unanimously.

General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$341.00.

Correspondence:

USDA Rural Development regarding 504 Loan/Grant program which provides help to very-low income owner occupants of modest single family homes in need of repair that are located in rural areas.

Old Business:

Appointment to Wind Advisory Board: Supv. Wood reported that in March when the vote took place for the appointment it did not carry due to the fact it was not a majority vote.

Supervisor Wood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lyon to appoint John Niles to the Board of review.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Lyon Aye, Parker Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

Quotes Siding for Museum: Mr. Crump reported that he has not received any as of yet. It was suggested to write-up what we are looking for and advertise on the town web site.

Quotes for generator at Highway Garage: Mr. Green received two price quotes from the following:

BGR Power, N. Bangor \$7,232.00 for a 20KW installed and;

Brett Blackmer Electric \$6,550.00 for a 22KW installed.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the purchase of the 22KW generator, installed, from Brett Blackmer Electric. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been busy attending several meetings in regards to the proposed Wind Farm.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McGill reported that there was no activity for the month of March. Dollar General should be closing on the property this week.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. The STAR program will not be put back in the hands of the local assessors, it will remain with the state.

Mr. Fukes also asked the Board to approve attendance at a Mixed Use Properties training. The cost is \$110.00.

This cost will be shared by the Town of Brasher.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to allow Mr. Fukes to attend 55.00. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Fukes also reported that Grievance Day will be June 6th.

Mr. Fukes also told the Board that the SLC Planning Department is going to do a 2017 fly over and update all properties with better pixels. The cost of this will be \$288,000.00. They are asking the Towns to pay for half of the cost. They can pay for it through Town Chargeback's or they can be invoiced. The cost will be based upon the number of parcel counts and the assessed value. An estimated cost to the town will be \$3,042.00

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the cost of the fly over and to pay for it through the Town Chargeback's. Adopted unanimously.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the basement repairs are nearing an end. The new panel box has been installed. He has about one inch more to go on the floor and then he will install bracing. Once the weather

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turns he will finish up outside. The Historical Group has ordered a new window for the museum and they will install it.

Mike Draper has been elected the new President of the Historical Society.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He presented the Board with a revised Agreement to Spend Funds with the County.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Agreement to Spend Funds with the County as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Green also reported that he had been contacted the County Highway Superintendent and we are going to be eligible to apply for Winter Storm funding. If it goes through we could get an estimate of \$18,986.00.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report. They had 0 man hours responding to calls; 192 man hours of training; 78 man hours' general station work. They will hold the following fund raisers:

May they will hold chicken barbeque, not date set as of yet, August 5 they will hold their Field Day.

Tri-Town Rescue had 50 total calls with 3 in Hopkinton.

BHLS: Copies of the monthly minutes were presented.

New Business:

Direct Deposit: Supervisor Wood reported to the Board that she had been asked by the Highway Employees about setting up Direct Deposit. She has been working with NBT Bank. All fees will be waived. She will also check with our software vendor to see if the program we currently have is set-up for direct deposit.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to move ahead with the Direct Deposit for all persons that are interested. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Local Law #3 Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton with a motion by Mr. Parker and a second by Ms Lyon to hold a Public Hearing on May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on Proposed Local Law 3, Code of Ethics for the Town of Hopkinton. This Proposed Local Law will be a revision to Local Law 1 of 2010 and will supersede it in all respects upon filing with the Secretary of State.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Crump Abstained, Sochia Absent.

Computer and Software for Code Enforcement Officer: Clerk French reported to the Board that the computer that was last used by the Code Officer needs to be replaced, it is running Windows XP.

She received a price quote from Dell for a lap top, Inspiron 15 5000 Series with Windows 10pro in the amount of \$587.99. A

She also priced Micro Soft Office Pro and can purchase it for \$175.00 from Amazon.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to purchase the lap top and Micro Soft Office. Adopted unanimously.

SLC Election Board: Clerk French reported to the Board that the Board of Elections came and inspected the new Municipal Building and will be moving our polling place from the Town Hall to the new building due to the fact that the Town Hall does not meet the ADA requirements.

NYS Town Clerk Conference: Clerk French reported to the Board that due to a family illness she would not be able to attend the conference. Check #8630 that was issued for her conference registration will be voided and credited back to her contractual expense.

Welcome to Hopkinton Sign: Clerk French reported to the Board that she had been approached by Mr.

Lamphere that we were going to have to move the sign coming into town on SH 11-B. The sign is in the way of the Dollar Generals construction site and where they are going to locate their driveway. She has asked

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Mr. Green if the Highway Department could remove the sign and store it. After construction has completed the

Summer Fest Committee will look to relocate the sign in a new area.

First Baptist Church in Parishville: would like permission to use the Hopkinton Park July 10th through July 14 to conduct a Bible Club for children. The Board will review the request and act on it at the May meeting.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, RMC

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 19, 2017

At the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Crump, Parker, Sochia

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Highway Supt., Clerk French, Assessor Allen Fukes, Scott McDonald, Frank Potenzano, Kathleen Potenzano, Deborah Rust, Amber Lindsey, Gary Snell Sr., Richard Eakins, Robert Blum, Sandy Maine, Robin Fefee, Nancy Horan, Luke Dailey, Kelly Pullano, Mary Jane Toomey, Mike Toomey, Beth Rosenbarker Mary Witherell, Jan Keller, Dolores Rice, Janice Pease, Joseph Peace, Kelly Charleson, Patricia Belile, Piper Sochia, Gail Kelly, Tim Kelly, Luke Daily, Douglas Witherell, Lori Witherell, Tom Whitesell, Jon Davis, Norma Davis, Ellen White, Corey Sheldon, Michelle Sheldon

Supv. Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Sr.: Taxes vs PILOT. Asked the Board to reject a PILOT agreement. He stated that the \$750,000.00 being offered will be shared between two towns, one school district and the county. Also, that amount includes the Community Agreement. Studies show that it cost between 3.5 and 5.5 million dollars per tower to build times 38 proposed wind turbines would add 130 – 200 million to the assessment roll. He also read a letter from the DPS about the Avangrid Proposal.

Lori Witherell: presented the Board with a petition of 750 signatures against a PILOT agreement.

Luke Daily: asked the Board to keep the set-backs at 5 times the height and to set sound decibels to 35db at night to protect the people from infrasound.

Gail Kelly: Encouraged the Board to support the North Ridge Wind Project.

Janice Pease: proposed wind farm is dangerous to population's health.

Richard Eakins: presented Supv. Wood with a Tax Exemption from Solar/Wind form that is available to anyone wishing to apply for the exemption. He asked if the town allows for this exemption. She stated she did not know and would have to refer this to the Assessor.

Mr. Fukes, Assessor, explained it is a state wide form. If someone applies he would have to accept it unless the town opts out of exemptions. He also explained that only the solar panels are exempt not the land they are on.

Kelly Charleson: Consider the sound effects on the animals. Look at what the County is proposing for setbacks. Also the question from the county on the rational of SH72 line for Wind Overlay Zone.

Frank Potenzano: Stated they had paid experts that speak in regards to Audio and Health & Safety at the last meeting held by Avangrid. He stated that the info given by them is being discounted because they are being paid however, the info given by them is supported by the World Health Organization and America Standards National Institute. He asked the Board to do their homework. There are over 1,000 operating wind turbines in Jefferson and Lewis County. Look there to see if there have been any adverse health problems and also taxation vs PILOT.

Kelly Pullano: Town Board now needs to stand behind the Wind Advisory Board and what they have presented.

Kelly Potenzano: Reminded the Board that general consensus about the project is 50/50 with many still undecided.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept Supervisors Financial Report for April 2017 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Supervisor Wood reported to the Board that May Financial Report was not available due to Bank Statements had not arrived

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Voucher Nos. 131 to 171 General Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$37,582.10 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 63 to 77 Highway Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$217,231.65 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 12 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 6 in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to make the following Transfer. Adopted unanimously.

General Fund:

From A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$1,060.00.

Correspondence:

BHLS: Minutes of June 7, 2017 meeting were presented.

Jefferson County Department of Planning: regarding North County HOME Consortium, Re-authorization for 2018-2020 Federal Awards. This is an automatic renewal for three years unless the Board wishes to opt out. The Board not to opt out.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: regarding the possibility of a state purchase of property owned by MWF Adirondacks, LLC. It would involve four parcels, approximately 274 acres. It would become part of the Whiskey Flats State Forest.

The Board discussed this and asked the Supervisor to contact Mr. Contino for more info in regards to how this might affect the town.

Eugene DeNagel, NE Management Corp: regarding APA Project 2016-0052. He is objecting to any use of area for mining, use of a section of Meacham Road and proposed truck volume in regards to the application by Seaway Timber use-maintenance of the Meacham Road.

Old Business:

Museum Siding & Roof: Mr. Crump reported that he met with the Historical Group and they are willing to pay for the new roof on the Museum if the Town pays for the siding.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to contract with Duane Black Construction to install siding on Museum in the amount of \$13,769.00, the balance of the grant money in the amount of \$12,105.00 and General Fund will be used for payment. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she has been busy attending several meetings in regards to the proposed Wind Farm.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McGill submitted a written report. Supervisor Wood read it aloud.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. Grievance Day was held June 6. The Final Roll book is completed.

Museum: Mr. Crump reported that the foundation project has been completed. He would like the Board to do a thorough inspection with him before we release the final payment.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to approve final payment in the amount of \$4895.00 to Duane Black Construction pending Board review and approval of the project. Adopted unanimously.

Library: Jan Keller reported that they had 125 patron visits this month. She has been busy getting ready for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Build a Better World". It will start on July 10. She thanked

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Stewarts and Lamphere's Market for ice cream cone gift certificates. She is working with NCLS to get Ancestroy.com available at the Library. They are also updating their patron info.

She also informed the Board that the Friends of the Library would like to purchase some exterior signage for the library if they town would install them.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to allow the installation of signage for the Library. Adopted unanimously.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He also reported to the Board that Truck 6 blew a front left tire and did a lot of damage to the truck. He contacted the insurance company all damage and towing service will be covered.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that the Fire Department held their banquet at the Town Hall on June 10. There was a problem with the drain on the steam table. It has been repaired.

Fire & Rescue: Mr. Parker presented a written report. He reported on logged hours and training. They will hold their Field Day on August 5. Tri-Town Rescue had 56 total calls, eight were in the Town of Hopkinton.

BHLS: The new dentist is going to remodel the office. He presented a floor plan. This will be done at his cost.

New Business:

Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer: Mr. Green asked the Board to approve a transfer of funds from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of an 8ft Poly Caster 2.5 Cubic Yard Sander not to exceed a cost of \$5261.60.

Mr. Crump introduced the following Resolution with a second by Mr. Sochia:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Town Supervisor to expend funds from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, subject to Permissive Referendum.

The Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve pursuant to the provisions of section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Hopkinton be and she hereby is authorized and directed to transfer from the Town Equipment Reserve Fund of the Town of Hopkinton, duly established on January 1, 1988 to the Highway Machinery Equipment Account expense item DA5130.2 in the Annual Budget for the year 2017, \$5,200.00 of said Reserve Fund to purchase per State Contract a new 8ft. Poly Caster 2.5 cubic yard sander.

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

BY ORDER of the Town Board of the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, New York.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Crump Aye, Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye.

Budget Amendment: Supervisor Wood asked the Board to approve a resolution in regards to the JCAP grant received.

Mr. Parker introduced the following Resolution with a second by Ms. Lyon:

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton applied for a JCAP grant for CCTV and,

WHEREAS the Town of Hopkinton received \$6,500.00 from the JCAP grant,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton increases the Fines and Forfeitures line item A2610 by \$6,500.00 and increases the Justice line item a1110.4 by \$6,500.00.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye

Sale of Surplus Equipment: Mr. Green reported to the Board that he has the following equipment at the Highway Garage that he would like declared surplus and put up for bid:

- 2000 International Tandem Axel Dump Truck with plow, wing, sander, spare tires and parts.
- 2006 1.5 Cubic yard Airflow Stainless Steel Sander with gas engine

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- Truck Mount York Road Broom

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to declare the items as surplus and advertise for bids. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the July 17, 2017 Board meeting. Adopted unanimously.

St Lawrence County Planning Board: regarding County Planning Board 239-m Decision. Wind Energy Facilities Local Law was approved with Conditions.

The Town Board reviewed all of the Recommendation/Condition.

Section 10 page 13: Wind Overlay Zone. Mr. Crump and Mr. Parker disagreed with the Wind Overlay Zone presented by the Wind Advisory Board. Mr. Parker felt the zone should expand to the south side of State Highway 72. That excluding that area is not fair to persons that may have an interest in that area. He feels there is more forest area on the South side and would absorb more of the sound.

Supervisor Wood and Ms. Lyon disagreed and felt should adopt the Wind Overlay Zone as presented by the Wind Advisory Board.

Section 17 page 24: County had no comment on this section, however Mr. Parker expressed that he would like to see the total sound pressure level generated by a WECS and sources unrelated to the turbines changed to not exceed 45 Leq A-weighted decibels.

Section 18 Page 26 of the proposed local law setbacks: Mr. Crump and Mr. Parker agreed with the County suggestion that the town reexamine the setback dimensions and consider reducing the setbacks from nonparticipating property lines and roads. They feel that the proposed local law is way too aggressive. Supervisor Wood and Ms. Lyon disagreed and felt that we should support the Wind Advisory Boards suggestions.

Section 19, page 26: recommends the town legal counsel conduct a thorough review of this Section. Supv Wood will contact the Town Attorney and have him review it.

Supervisor Wood asked the Board to set another date to continue to work on the Proposed Local Law and set a date also for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to hold a Special Meeting on June 28, 2017 to discuss and work on Proposed Local Law Wind Energy Facilities and prepare it for its final revision.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia recused himself.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to set a Public Hearing date of July 13, 2017.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia recused himself.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to enter into an Executive Session to discuss negotiations with Avangrid at 8:45 p.m.

VOTE: Supervisor Wood Aye, Councilman Parker Aye, Crump Aye, Lyon Aye. Mr. Sochia recused himself and removed himself from the Executive Session.

Regular meeting resumed at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French, RMC

Regular Town Board Meeting November 22, 2016

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:04 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook (10:31), Councilman Sweeney, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Luke Dailey, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell, Gary Snell Sr., Madeline Pennington, Luke M. Martin, Patti Walzer

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 25, 2016, Tentative Budget Meeting on October 18, 2016 and Preliminary Budget Meeting on November 10, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Madeline Pennington spoke on behalf of the Parishville Hilltopperø Senior Citizen Club and thanked the Town Board for their continued support. She also invited everyone in attendance to their Holiday Luncheon and Dance on December 4th beginning at noon at the Parishville Fire Hall on the Rutman Road.

Gary Snell shared information from a packet which he distributed among all present. The information included information in regards to the PILOT program and what that could mean for the taxing entities involved. This packet also included a letter thanking the Parishville Town Board for listening to the Concerned Citizen for Rural Preservation group regarding the proposed wind project.

Luke Dailey stated that in Lowville after the negotiations were completed for the wind farm, more towers were added that were not expected. Ms. Dailey also volunteered to help hire outside help if needed to deal with the wind project.

Luke Martin thanked the Highway Department for the great job dealing with the snow during the winter. Mr. Martin also stated that he moved here for the lower taxes and loves the area. He reported he attended the IDA meeting along with a few other town residents and reiterated the fact the taxing entities should negotiate for as much money as possible from the wind companies.

Lori Witherell distributed a list of local attorneys with expertise in the field of industrial wind turbines that could be used by the towns and school if needed.

Supervisor Votra stated he appreciated the residents taking an interest in the wind issue and sharing information as they gather it. He stated that he and the entire Town and Planning Boards are taking this issue very seriously and are working hard to make the right decisions that are in the best interest of the entire community.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a slow month with little new construction taking place.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the written Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill reported his office continues to research the wind farm assessments and concerns. He also is continuing his reassessment project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported nothing new in the Water District. Councilman Sweeney stated that he and Superintendent of Public Works have been discussing looking into drilling a backup well. It was discussed that this would hook into the existing water system to be used in the event of a water emergency. This could be especially useful in the case of another dry season and/or a large fire that would require a large amount of water.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the installation of the backstop has been completed and the work on the new baseball fields has started.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported the Parishville ATV Club made a generous donation of \$250 to PARC. Work is still being done on the People Project and they are waiting for the start of the skating season.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

Correspondence:

- a. Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages ó
 - 2017 Dues
 - Adirondack Review Board funding

- Public Hearing ó Repeal & Replace section 587.1 of Title 9 (access to agency records)
- b. AATV Membership Action Alert
- c. North Country Regional EMS Council
- d. The truth about wind power ó Jack Kelly
- e. Request for one year moratorium on wind project ó Therese Baxter
- f. First Baptist Church - invite for elected officials- Dec. 4th @ 6pm
- g. Parishville Hilltoppers - Luncheon & Dance Dec. 4th @ 12-4 pm

Business:

1. Joining the County Wide Health District of St. Lawrence County was discussed. There is no charge to the Town of Parishville to join this district. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adopt Resolution 04-2016 as follows:

TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

RESOLUTION 04-2016

COUNTY WIDE HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Parishville has determined that it is no longer desirable for the Town to maintain a local health district after the establishment of the county wide district,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to paragraph 3 of section 341 of the Public Health Law that the Town of Parishville does hereby dissolve the local health district of the Town of Parishville, and

BE IT FURTHER Resolved, that pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 341 of the Public Health Law, all the powers and duties of the local board of health of the local health district of the Town of Parishville shall devolve upon the Board of Health of the St. Lawrence County Wide Health District and all the powers and duties of the local health officer of the local health district of the Town of Parishville shall devolve upon the St. Lawrence County Health Director.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilman Sweeney- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Cook- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new truck should have been here at the beginning of November and should be delivered next week. There is still boom mowing that needs to be completed. Councilman Cook commended the Highway Department on the job done on the mowing. It has improved visibility in most areas. Councilman Cook also thanked the Highway Department for putting the Christmas decorations up on State Highway 72.

A motion was made by Councilman and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills and payrolls as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$22,834.50
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$10,079.46
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$255.62
4. Payrolls:
 5. #47 ó 10/29/16 (General - \$ 3,479.04, Highway - \$ 7,470.61, Water - \$ 358.97)
 6. #48 ó 11/05/16 (General - \$ 7,925.53, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 455.05)
 7. #49 ó 11/12/16 (General - \$ 2,653.20, Highway - \$ 7,188.38, Water - \$ 284.46)
 8. #50 ó 11/19/16 (General - \$ 7,332.75, Highway - \$ 7,188.38, Water - \$ 486.14)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper stated the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 2, 2016 at 5 PM at the Parishville Town Hall. Everyone is invited for the lighting with refreshments and crafts immediately following.

Gary Snell Sr. volunteered to be considered to represent Parishville for the Albany Review Board for the wind project.

Supervisor Votra briefly discussed the possibility of a survey to be sent to area tax payers for their feedback on the proposed wind project.

Patricia Walzer stated she thinks people don't realize the impact the wind project will have on the area and feels some residents may leave the area. Ms. Walzer also volunteered to be considered as part of the Review Board for the wind project.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates: December 27, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Next Audit Date: Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk

Regular Town Board Meeting December 27, 2016

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Madeline Pennington, Elbridge E. Randall, Yvonne Cook, Gary Snell Sr., Lester Gale, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 22, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Sr. asked if there were more meetings and or discussions with the Town of Hopkinton regarding the PILOT agreement for Avangrid. Supervisor Votra stated he has not attended any meetings since last month's Board meeting. Mr. Snell also asked Assessor McGill about his progress in the comparison for the PILOT agreements and assessments for wind towers. Mr. McGill said he is still working on the information from other towns and is still looking into it. Supervisor Votra stated the wind surveys would be sent to all taxpayers in the Town of Parishville in the next week. Mr. Snell also asked if the appointments for the Article X Board have been made and Supervisor Votra indicated he has two definite candidates and will select the other two soon. Lori Witherell shared information gathered from a Town of Chateaugay resident who regrets having the wind project allowed in their township.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a slow month with no new permits issued.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the written Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill reported the Enhanced STAR renewal forms have not been received from the Real Property Office yet, so they will be mailed out later than usual. He also has had quite a few phone calls inquiring about the tax freeze checks that residents should be receiving. These checks are issued to taxpayers in townships that have stayed below the New York State mandated tax cap.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a few more shutoffs were completed this month with more residents leaving for the winter. There were a few repairs needed and new bleeder lines were installed on a few residences. Plowing has been done to keep the hydrants clear of snow and the water system is operating fine.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the rink has been flooded in layers and the weather has been a problem due to the fluctuation in temperature. Building maintenance and plowing have been done and new shelves are being built for the 30 to 40 pairs of skates that were donated. Councilwoman Tremper recommended there should be more signs for the hours of the rink and the explanation of the use of skates for free.

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported he was awarded a \$2,500.00 grant for the Recreation program from the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau. Supervisor Votra thanked Mr. Woods on behalf of the Town Board for continually working to obtain money and equipment to better the Recreation program.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported basketball has started at PHCS. The school and the teachers have been very helpful in providing staff and gym time to help with the program. Clarkson University has offered to donate another set of soccer goals. The tree lighting had a small turnout this year but was successful overall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

All in favor.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to reappoint Evan Harper, Robert White and Michael Tremper to the Parishville Zoning Board for a five year term set to expire on 12/31/2021.

All in favor.

2. The Organizational meeting will be held on January 3, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.
3. Supervisor Votra submitted a list of meeting dates for 2017 with times to be determined. After discussion:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the meeting dates and times as indicated below.

All in favor.

4. ***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to declare the week of January 22-28, 2017 as "School Choice Week".

All in favor.

5. ***A motion*** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the Three Year St. Lawrence County Snow & Ice Agreement (2017-2020).

All in favor.

6. ***A motion*** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the payment of the bill to Tracey Road Equipment in the amount of \$187,306.00 prior to audit of the January 2017 bills for the purchase of the new plow truck

All in favor

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new plow truck has been received. The Highway Department has been busy with snow and freezing rain.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills of \$22,588.99
2. Highway Account Bills of \$31,529.65
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$919.01
4. Payrolls:
 - #51 of 11/26/16 (General - \$2,852.78, Highway - \$12,882.58, Water - \$284.46)
 - #52 of 12/03/16 (General - \$3,045.70, Highway - \$7,179.29, Water - \$209.96)
 - #53 of 12/10/16 (General - \$7,491.53, Highway - \$8,400.17, Water - \$491.78)
 - #54 of 12/17/16 (General - \$2,912.65, Highway - \$12,704.92, Water - \$358.97)

5. Transfers:

From: A1620.4- \$560.00

From: A1620.4-\$3150.00

To: A1110.4-\$560.00

To: A1355.4- \$3150.00

From: A1620.4- \$200.00
To: A1420.4- \$200.00

From: 1620.4- \$40.00
To: 1670.4-\$40.00

From: A1620.4- \$425.00
To: A7520.4- \$425.00

From: A1340.1- \$1,500.00
To: A1220.11-\$1,500.00

From: A3620.1- \$3,125.00
To: A7020.1- \$\$3,125.00

From: A1620.1- \$1,490.00
To: A8160.1- \$1,490.00

From:A1620.1- \$625.00
To: A1410.1- \$625.00

From: DA5142.1- \$15,320.00
To: DA5110.1- \$15,320.00

From: DA5110.4- \$6,650.00
To: DA5130.2- \$6,650.00

From: SW8340.4- \$370.00
To: SW8330.4- \$370.00

From: SW8340.4- \$225.00
To: SW8310.4- \$225.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adjourn the meeting at 10:24AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

January 03, 2017 @ 5 PM- Organizational Meeting

January 24, 2017 @6 PM- Regular Board Meeting

Next Audit Date: Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk

Regular Town Board Meeting March 28, 2017

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Gary Snell Sr., Jeff Snell, Beth Rosenbarker, Milt DeGraw, Madeline Pennington, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell, Elbridge E. Randall, Dan Murdie, Sue Wood, Scott McDonald, Nancy Horan, Vance Eakins, Joseph Snell, Fred Wilhelm, Luke Dailey, Will Dailey, Luke Martin

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 10, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Sr. addressed the Town Board and asked what the status is of the discussion with Avangrid about a PILOT agreement. Supervisor Votra responded that there have been no discussions with the wind company about a PILOT agreement. Supervisor Votra also stated the Town Board is in agreement that a PILOT agreement would not be entered into with the wind company or anyone else at this time. Mr. Snell also indicated his concern about the Planning Board meeting that was cancelled due to the weather. The Planning Board did meet and had a work session. Mr. Snell also expressed his concern that the wind company is being kept up to date on the changes made to the wind law as it progresses. Mr. Snell also asked if the moratorium was being reconsidered. Supervisor Votra indicated at this time a moratorium is not being considered. It will be reconsidered if and when it is deemed necessary.

Luke Dailey reported that she spoke to the St. Lawrence County Planning Board about time lines and would like a moratorium while the Parishville Planning Board works on the Wind Law.

Lori Witherell asked if there has been communication between the Town Board and Avangrid regarding Article X. Members of the board indicated there have not been any discussions with Avangrid. Mrs. Witherell said she feels there are a lot of rumors out about the way Article X works and she will be looking into it further to pass the correct information along. She also asked for the list of reasons that the town attorney had given Supervisor Votra against passing the moratorium. Mrs. Witherell distributed handouts that show the money aspect of the wind project.

Councilwoman Tremper stated she and the rest of the Town Board are not against the moratorium but would like to impose one only if necessary at the best time. She also said they welcome any and all information that is gathered so the best decisions can be made.

Jeff Snell asked about reported changes that have been made to the Wind Overlay Zone. Supervisor Votra stated that he knows of no changes that have been or will be made to the Town of Parishville's Wind overlay zone.

Fred Wilhelm, Planning Board Chairman stated that the Planning Board did unexpectedly meet the night of the cancelled meeting. The members of the Planning Board showed up at the Town Hall to ensure no one came to an empty building expecting the meeting. The members present expressed an interest in having a work session to work through the large amount of correspondence that had been received. No decisions were made that evening.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported that business has picked up a little with the warmer weather. Mr. McGill attended the annual Code Enforcement Conference and came away with a lot of useful and new information. Mr. McGill reported that he will start pushing for clean up on properties and he has been hired by the Town of Hopkinton as Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill reported his tax roll book is at Canton being updated. He is working on the reassessment project and should be completed by the end of the year as planned.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported some water services have been restored with residents returning home after wintering south. The water usage is average and no problems have been reported so far this winter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported he has been busy starting the spring cleanup and painting. Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that he received a \$500.00 grant from Stewart's for the Recreation Department. Councilman Cook asked if the baseball fields would be ready for the season and Mr. Woods indicated that they may not be ready at the start of the season but should be ready shortly after. Dugouts are planned to be constructed as soon as the weather allows.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

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Councilwoman Tremper reported that baseball registrations have been sent out and soccer will start shortly after. The committee has been busy working on the food trailer that was purchased. Money was received from the People Project to help purchase the trailer that is outfitted with stainless steel tables. There is more work needed to be done to finish this trailer and they are looking for volunteers to help with the electrical work.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation Committee Report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to set the Second Notice Fee for the 2017 Town and County Tax to \$2.00.

All in favor.

2. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt Resolution 02-2017 as follows:

Town of Parishville

Resolution 02-2017

**Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for
Providing Service for the Town of Parishville**

WHEREAS, the Town of Parishville is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, should widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parishville hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of highways. The Town of Parishville does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the County of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On and "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3, 000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilman Sweeney-Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Resolution Adopted

Correspondence Received:

1. Charter Communications- Draft Franchise Agreement

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to table the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.

All in favor.

2. Association of Towns: 17th Annual Finance School (May 11 & 12)- No one will be attending this year.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported he is hopeful spring cleanup and sweeping will start soon if the weather cooperates. He also stated that he would like to see something in the updated wind law that would address the issue of protecting our local roads from damage.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$161,898.23
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$13,314.22
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,382.01
4. Payrolls:
 - #09 ó 02/25/17 (General - \$3,005.07, Highway - \$8,166.36, Water - \$292.99)
 - #10 ó 03/04/17 (General - \$3,035.21, Highway - \$8,337.42, Water - \$369.72)
 - #11 ó 03/11/17 (General - \$8,277.20, Highway - \$10,699.69, Water - \$460.93)
 - #12 ó 03/18/17 (General - \$2,937.79, Highway - \$11,968.05, Water - \$216.26)
 - #13 ó 03/25/17 (General - \$7,963.05, Highway - \$10,286.33, Water - \$652.54)

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates: April 25, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk

Attachment I

November 21, 2016

Mr. Darin Saiff
Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education
Parishville-Hopkinton Central School
P. O. Box 187
Parishville, NY 13672

Dear Mr. Saiff and Members of the Parishville-Hopkinton Board of Education:

On behalf of our growing group of Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the School Board for allowing us to continue to present pertinent information to you regarding the proposed North Ridge Wind Project.

As you know, Iberdrola, aka Avangrid, aka Atlantic Wind (all Limited Liability Corporations) has offered a PILOT agreement that would bring in \$750,000 per year for the duration of the North Ridge Wind Project, should their application be approved for development. However, what they have neglected to point out is that this amount of money would be divided between the Town of Hopkinton, the Town of Parishville, the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District, the Brasher Falls Central School District*, and St. Lawrence County. What they also deny is that we would stand to lose a substantial amount of that "windfall" if many of our properties experience a decrease in value due to their proximity to industrial wind turbines. Once it is proven that the value of homes that are located most closely to industrial wind turbines are reduced, then other property owners who do not experience a decrease in property value will, in fact, have to make up the difference in lost tax revenue. In essence, the \$750,000 would be off-set by property devaluations, making the actual amount of "new money" much less than stated.

To give you an idea of the amount of money that COULD be realized if turbines were taxed instead of receiving a PILOT, when the Town of Parishville taxes were collected this past January, 2016, Erie Boulevard Hydro paid over ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,213,848). Of this amount, St. Lawrence County received \$719,231. **In addition, the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School received nearly THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS (\$725,947) from Erie Boulevard Hydro this past September in school tax revenue. (Please note that because boundary lines differ between school districts and towns, there were more parcels located within the town than within the school district.) To recap, Erie Boulevard Hydro paid a combined total of nearly TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,940,326) in taxes to the Town of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, and the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District in 2016 alone. This amount was paid on a total of five (5) dams and some property located within the Town of Parishville. *(Please refer to Erie Boulevard Hydropower Tax Information For 2016 attached.)* [Also of significant note is that the assessments on four parcels were reduced between the collection of land taxes and the collection of school taxes.]**

These five [aging] dams have the capacity to produce 76.5 megawatts of power, broken down as follows: Rainbow Dam: **24.9** megawatts (MW), Mill Street (aka Parishville Dam): **2.5** MW, Browns Bridge (aka Colton Dam): **30** MW, Allens Falls Dam: **4.2** MW, and Blake Falls

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Also of extreme importance is the fact that Iberdrola (a Spanish corporation) is the number one recipient of government subsidies, having received more than TWO BILLION DOLLARS (\$2.2 Billion) since 2000 (*Please refer to "Which Companies Get the Most Federal Subsidies?" article attached.*) In addition, according to Forbes, Iberdrola placed #139 of the top-ranked Global Companies, coming in at a whopping \$44.1 Billion Dollar net worth (*Please refer to "Iberdrola on the Forbes Global 2000 List" article attached.*)

This does not even take into account Iberdrola's expected profit margin on the 40 industrial wind turbines they are proposing. While they appear to be reluctant to discuss their profit margins, Billionaire Texas oil man T. Boone Pickens told Business News they typically expect to make $\pm 25\%$ annually. (*Please refer to Billionaire Texas oil man makes big bets on wind article attached.*) Therefore, **a low estimate of the North Ridge Project's annual profit would be 40 [turbines] x ± 4 Million Dollars [each] x $\pm 25\%$ profit = ± 40 Million Dollars in annual profit.** (*Please refer to Windustry Q & A "How much do wind turbines cost?"*) And yet we are supposed to be happy with \$750,000 to be divided between five entities?

Requests for PILOT agreements are normally only given careful consideration in a situation where, through the granting of a PILOT, a municipality is able to entice new business ventures to become established in their community. In turn, the new business will generate permanent employment opportunities for local residents, thereby bringing lasting economic growth and prosperity to the area. In the case of our hydro dams, Brookfield (Erie Boulevard Hydro) employs 46 people (including management) at their Potsdam Branch, some of whom reside within our community. On the other hand, Iberdrola stated that perhaps 5 or 6 full time positions would be created to maintain the turbines during their useful life.

What would prevent Brookfield (Erie Boulevard Hydro) from coming back on the Town of Parishville and demanding that their assessments be lowered to a much greater degree, if Iberdrola is allowed to pay only a small fraction of what their wind turbines should be assessed for? This would have an enormous and lasting negative impact on the Town of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, and the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District.

The reservoirs created by the hydro dams do much to enhance our community. In addition to the tax revenues we benefit from, the dams create beautiful waterfront vistas that property owners and residents enjoy and they provide recreational/tourism opportunities. What do industrial wind turbines do to enhance our community? We know that they would negatively impact our rural community, ruin our scenic view sheds, decrease our property values, create health issues, kill birds, bats, and raptors,

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lower crop yields, and have harmful effects on wild and domestic animals. And, when all is said and done, they will have a lasting negative impact on our county landfills and our most precious resource, our land. Millions of tons of cement will be left in the ground and simply covered by three feet of soil. The future growth of our area may be severely compromised by the inability to build additional homes due to all of these "hidden" obstructions.

When factoring all of this information, we have to ask ourselves, why would the Town of Hopkinton, the Town of Parishville, the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District, the Brasher Falls Central School District*, or St. Lawrence County ever even remotely consider granting a PILOT agreement to this huge conglomerate?

As school officials, you are finding yourselves thrust into a situation, not of your own making, whereby the critical decisions you make will have a lasting and possibly irreversible impact on this community, our environment, and future generations. We realize you are being bombarded by information coming from a variety of sources that you need to sift through and digest, in an effort to make the correct decisions, while protecting the health, safety, and well-being of your constituents. These decisions should not be taken lightly and will have to take into account a wide range of opinions. To make matters worse, not everyone is going to agree with the decisions that are made. For these reasons and more, please carefully consider each decision you make and ask yourselves, is this the best decision for the majority of all involved, or is this truly a decision that is only going to benefit a small number of the population. Again, we would like to thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the entire community as you continue to address this complex issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Snell, Sr.
Chair, Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation

Attachments: 5

*According to Iberdrola, the Brasher Falls Central School District would not be included in the entities entitled to "share" \$750,000 annually; however, the wind overlay map clearly denotes sections of Fort Jackson as being within the area designated for wind turbines, and Fort Jackson is situated in the Brasher Falls Central School District.

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Town Council
Town of Hopkinton
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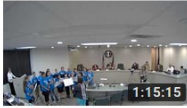
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