

**SPECIAL WORKING MEETING
OF
PARISHVILLE TOWN BOARD
AND PARISHVILLE PLANNING BOARD
MAY 19, 2011**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilman Cook, Councilwoman Tremper

Absent: Councilman Votra

Planning Board Members: Fred Wilhelm, Kip Jacot, Joe McGill, Mike Grove, Fred Beha

Absent: Richard Snell, David Gallagher

Others Present: Gary Snell, Attorney Roger Linden (7:25 PM)

Supervisor Moore thanked everyone for coming and said this would be a very informal work session to get everyone on the same page with the wind law. Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm said that the informational meetings for the wind towers have been a success and would like to proceed in getting some of the details worked out so public hearings can be scheduled.

The subject of the overlay zones was discussed. Gary Snell spoke and gave both boards information on the New York State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines for Wind Farm Development Cultural Resources Survey Work. This would establish a five mile Area of Potential Effect around a wind turbine project. The Agricultural Districts were discussed and Councilman Cook reported that the latest data supports the fact that the United States is losing approximately 1 acre of farmland per minute to development. The possible effect on property values, setback requirements and the possibility of a Residential Property Guarantee for non participating residential homes were all discussed at great length. Discussion also included setback requirements needed.

Attorney Roger Linden recommended to the Town Board and the Planning Board that a local law governing the wind towers be completed as soon as possible. It can be updated as needed, but a law needs to be on the books. Much discussion ensued on the procedures and the time needed to implement this law. There were also questions about the ethics involved in voting on the wind tower project if family members have signed leases or are otherwise involved.

The subject of PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) and assessment values of the wind turbines were also discussed.

There will be a joint meeting between the Town of Parishville and the Town of Hopkinton and the experts from Iberdrola Renewables on August 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Hopkinton Fire Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

All in favor.

Connie Maguire
Parishville Town Clerk