

**Public Hearing**  
**Wind Energy Facilities Local Law 01- 2017**  
**June 14, 2017**

Supervisor Votra called the public hearing to order at 6:00 pm and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Town Clerk Maguire

**Others Present:** (See attached sheet)

Supervisor Votra thanked everyone for attending tonight and opened the floor to public comment.

Gary Snell Sr. and Luke Dailey each thanked the Planning Board for the end product of the Local Law written and encouraged the Town Board to pass this local law as is. Ms. Dailey also asked that tweaking parts of the law as needed be considered in the future. Supervisor Votra reassured everyone present that just because this final draft of the law is complete, it does not mean that the Planning Board has stopped all the work and research on the wind topic. This will be an ongoing project going forward with other drafts and changes to the existing Planning Use and Development Code for the Town of Parishville.

John Courtney asked that the Enforcement and Penalty section of the law be looked at to be more strict and easier to enforce.

Lori Witherell thanked all involved with the updating the local law. Mrs. Witherell gave Supervisor Votra an updated copy of the petition requesting a moratorium and also asking that no PILOT be accepted from the wind developers. This petition includes over 700 signatures to date in the Parishville and Hopkinton townships.

Kelly Pullano thanked the wind advisory committees and everyone involved for their hard work and dedication to putting out a good law, but it still is not enough. She said it was time for the Town Boards of Parishville and Hopkinton to stick up for the residents and look out for their wellbeing. She also stated that in talking to representatives from Avangrid, she was told that they did not want to come into communities where they were not wanted. Ms. Pullano said she feels that the majority of townspeople from both towns do not want a wind project in their community and these people should be listened to.

Kelly Charleson thanked the Planning Board and asked that any future changes to the law should include limiting the tower height to 500 feet. She also stated the Siting Board has never convened and she feels that our local law has plenty of back up information supporting the law as written if challenged.

Councilman Cook advised that he looked into a wind tower on his land in Parishville a few years ago and was told there was not enough wind in this area to warrant a small wind tower. He also stated he was not happy with the quality of the information he received from Avangrid regarding Article X and he has asked and not received any data obtained from the test towers.

Anne Burnham asked that the section 2.11 E. (Abatement Decommissioning) be looked at more carefully in the next draft. She also stated that all eyes are watching this project since it is the first law proposed in St. Lawrence County regarding wind.

Legislator Rick Perkins commended the Parishville Planning Board on a well written law on a very contentious subject. Mr. Perkins advised the Town Board that New York State is pushing this green energy and the law should be adopted as written.

Scott McDonald, representing Avangrid stated that he feels there is a lot of misinformation circulating as far as the need to hurry with the passage of this law. He said he also feels that this law, as written, is burdensome to the wind company and the project may not move forward under the current law.

Lori Witherell stated that the CCRP will conduct their own ambient sound level study to establish baseline sound levels. Many people in attendance expressed their concern about the ambient sound level where they live at night and that it has never been accurately tested. They are worried that the wind project will disturb the peace and quiet as they know it.

***A motion*** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

***All in favor.***

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Connie Maguire  
Parishville Town Clerk