

The public hearing for the wind Energy law for the Town of Farmersville held on October 18, 2018 at the Farmersville Fire Department was called to order at 6pm by Supervisor Robert Karcher, all stood for the pledge.

Present

Supervisor Robert Karcher

Councilman Andrew Warner

Richard Westfall

Richard Zink

Pamela Tilton

Hwy Superintendent Barry Tingue

Town Clerk Bridget Holmes

Town Attorney David DiMatteo

Guests: See sign in sheet

Town Clerk Holmes read the public hearing notice

Speakers:

Donna Bierer- opposed – wants 3000ft setbacks

Diane Brown – resident of Machias – owns land in Farmersville – wants 3000ft setbacks & 40dbl

Ginger Schroder – Resident of Farmersville – read letter from Amish community- submitted to board packet of emails to be entered in public record- wants 3000ft setbacks

Dan Mack- resident of Farmersville- wants 3000ft setback, 40dbl and law to protect welfare of citizens

Mark Heberling- President of Farmersville United –Wants to keep the town beautiful, wants to see 3000 ft setbacks- submitted his statement to the lawyer

Lois Lane- resident of Farmersville since 1971 – all for the wind energy project – recommends the town board work on getting a good host agreement

Bill Snyder- lives on Rawson Rd- opposed to the wind energy project wants 3000ft setbacks – needs to be stricter law

Jon Rose – resident- is opposed to the project – doesn't want to look at them

Donna Vickman- resident & county legislator- tries to be neutral – made the resolution at the County level to protect all County residents- gave her letter to the lawyer

Dorothy Lockridge- resident- is opposed – law is not strict enough- also read a letter from a taxpayer that was opposed to the project- letter is in the packet Ginger presented

Millard Brown- resident – his farm has been in the family over 100yrs – is all for the wind energy project – doesn't see the setbacks as a problem

Jeanie McCarthy- resident- opposed to wind project- presented paperwork on Low Frequency noise and the medical issues with it

Butch George – taxpayer – all for wind project – town needs business- move forward not backward

Maureen Jessome- taxpayer –owns 150 acres on Reynolds Rd – all for the wind project – money will help with the taxes and being able to keep the land for the grandkids

Mr. Hughes- resident – opposed to the wind project – people will move out of area if wind project come in

Jim Shannon- Freedom resident- approves of wind project, feels it will divide the community

Stephanie Morgan- resident – opposed and wants to see 3000ft setbacks

Francis Lounsbury Jr- resident- opposed to project wants to see 3000ft setbacks, lower decimal, stricter law

George Duncan- resident- approves of wind project – suggested everyone do their homework and ask questions

Kathy Kellogg- resident- opposed to project- she asks the board for more days for written comments

Jasmine Killingbeck- resident – opposed to project – family is avid hunters and worries it will hurt the hunting, wants 3000ft setbacks & 40 dbf

Dustin Bliss- taxpayer- approves of project – residents & town will benefit – make the best deal

Rob Mrowka – Machias resident- oppose the project- benefits not passed on to everyone- wants 3000ft setbacks – ask the board to look into the environmental issues

Eric Miller- employee of Invenergy – 17 years on wind projects- real opportunity for tax cut

Mike Mulcahey- employee of Invenergy – 11 years with wind projects- there are studies on property values & health studies-

Marv Covert – Centerville resident- approves of project- suggest people take tours of wind projects to see for themselves- respect your neighbors

Kevin Clapsadle – taxpayer- oppose the project – feels 50dbf is too loud

Laurie Fisher- Supervisor of Franklinville- opposes the project – feels there will be significant environmental impact

Denise Willard- Freedom resident – read a letter from taxpayer at 1379 Elton Rd opposing the project, also read another letter from another taxpayer opposing the project

Marjorie Osgood- read an email from Gerald Seiwert-resident that opposed the project

Dan Spitzer – lawyer for Invenergy- urge the residents to visit wind farms and find the facts

Aaron Saykyn- lawyer for Invenergy – is a safe project – need less setbacks – find the facts out

Adam Paul- read a letter from Russ Hatch – resident of Franklinville that opposes the project- wants 3000ft setbacks

Warren Harvey- from Chautauqua County- has been to Arkwright and there is 150 people that now want to sue the wind company- residents there have changed their mind

Karen Engstom- from Chautauqua County – advises to the board they need to vote down the wind project will be health issues

Randy Lester- Supervisor of Freedom- he had received an email from a resident opposing the wind project with a study attached –after further investigation realized the study was 13 years old and one of the writers had since withdrew his support- need to find the full facts out

Stephanie Milks- Freedom resident & from Freedom United- is a 15 year resident of Freedom wants further setbacks and read a letter from a Tracy Wood from Freedom who also opposes the project

Chuck Wright- nonresident but family owns property on Reynolds Rd and he opposes the wind project

Albert Brown- is a new resident on Rawson Rd and is opposed to the project –we need appropriate technology

Barry Miller – resident from Hinsdale- a licensed mechanical engineer – opposes the project – turbines Have low vibrations, turbines also fall down

Barb Dyskant – resident from Hinsdale- opposes the project – doesn't feel the area is suitable

Stewart Parks- moved from England 13 years ago cause of medical issues he had with wind turbine near his home

Penny Duncan- resident of Farmersville- came from Canada – there are thousands of turbines in Canada and areas have blossom cause of it

Tom Mchale – from labor union- there are 150 members locally and with this scope of project will bring construction jobs to the area

Jamie Lawrence- Opposes the project- has worked in the power industry- also read a letter from Susan Wood a supervisor in Hopkinton that wrote giving her experiences with wind energy project.

It was decided that the board would continue to accept responses for 14 days.

A motion was made to close the public hearing at 8:13pm by Mr. Westfall and seconded by Mrs. Tilton

Roll call vote

Mrs. Tilton-yes

Mr.Zink-yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mr. Karcher-yes Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Bridget Holmes

Town Clerk