

Wind Power Advisory Committee Meeting
Bristol Town Hall
June 15, 2016

Committee members present: Andrea Cox, Rob Davidson, Steve Hope, Sheila McLain, John Stolecki, Jess Yates

Absent: Michael Dawson

Also present: H. Bascom, C. Hanna, C. Hanson, P. Jennings, M. Kelly, K. Poland, J. Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Amendments to the Agenda

- Due to the attendance of J. Ward Cox suggested the agenda be amended to allow J. Ward to speak first.

J. Ward updated the committee on the MAV project:

Funding

- DOE awarded MAV almost \$40 million.
- All aspects of the project (funding, contractors, permanent construction and procedures, etc.) must be submitted to DOE as a prerequisite for the money.
- If DOE approves the project, construction will begin.
- MAV must show letters of support from outside sponsors for the remaining cost of the project. Ward is comfortable with private financing.
- Money will be distributed in three amounts.
- 3.7 mil awarded in November has just become available to MAV. They will focus on design and engineering with that money.

Cable Routes

- Bristol is not the only option as a landfall point for the cable. When first starting the project, Bristol seemed to be the most cost effective decision. There are other just as cost effective locations. MAV is currently working with CMP about substation integration. They are looking at landfall locations as far south as Boothbay and as far North as Thomaston.
- Because they are exploring other landfall options, they are not currently working on cable routes to be used in Bristol.
- MAV will do what mechanically makes sense when running the cable. Underground vs. overground. Road vs. private property.

Permitting

- There has been no permitting as yet.
- They will file with agencies such as DEP, ACOE, Lobster Zone Council, municipalities, etc.
- Permitting will encompass the test site near Monhegan, the cable ROW, and the cable landfall location.

Construction

- The turbine manufacturer provides the blades, turbine, and tower as a unit.
- DCNS has partnered with MAV. Ward acknowledged that they would be using them as a general contractor.
- Cianbro & Emera will be bringing in subcontractors.
- DOE proposal required an O&M location. The Darling Center is designated but that may change.
- The turbine company may supply O&M or contractor may do O&M on everything.

Community Benefits

- Cox inquired about community benefits. Ward stated there would be tax benefits on installed equipment.
- Job openings will be posted on Monhegan and regionally with LCRPC.

Future Studies

- Environmental studies were stopped when MAV didn't win the original DOE award. They will start again.
- Cox asked about a tourism study for Bristol. Ward said not until they have a better idea on cable routes.

Future Meetings

- Another public forum between Bristol and MAV may be scheduled in August or September. MAV will be meeting with METF 6/23 & 6/24 on Monhegan.

Minutes

- The committee unanimously agreed to amend the minutes of April 27, 2016. The first bulleted item under "cable routes" to be amended to read: if cable lines are along the road, then we prefer them underground.
- The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm

The next meeting TBD

Agenda items: talking points with MAV.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bizarro
Staff Liaison