

Wind Power Advisory Committee Meeting
Bristol Town Hall
April 27, 2016

Committee members present: Andrea Cox, Rob Davidson, Mike Dawson, Steve Hope, Sheila McLain, John Stolecki

Absent: Jess Yates

Also present: Andrew Fenniman, Chad Hanna

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business.

Cox reported that she had met with the Selectmen and they approved the letter content.

Selectmen will print on letterhead, sign and forward to FWBS.

Davidson reported that DEP did not currently have staff assigned to the MAV project.

Yates reported (via email) the PUC status of the wind project is still current.

Cable Routes.

Ward informed Cox that MAV has planned cable routes but they have to remain confidential at this time. He proposed WPAC map some routes. Dawson & McLain objected. Cox suggested that mapping routes would start a dialogue and a paper trail. Discussion ensued on pros/cons of choosing cable routes. There was discussion on keeping communications with MAV/UMaine open & welcoming.

WPAC agreed on the following preferences and/or talking points with Ward:

****If cable lines are along the road, then we prefer them underground.**

****Avoid eminent domain for all privately owned parcels.**

****Avoid construction during high summer. (Stolecki suggested this may be unnecessary for some of the construction.)**

****Permanent infrastructure not to have a negative impact on recreational or scenic areas.**

****A good faith agreement to engage public about routes. Possibly with visual aids and maps for display.**

****Develop a communication plan in regards to timelines and construction plans.**

****Informational flyer mailed locally. (This item was tabled for further discussion)**

Public Comment.

Hanna shared that a tour of the composite lab at UMaine was being held Monday, June 6.

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm

The next meeting TBD

Agenda items: talking points with MAV.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro

Staff Liaison