

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BURKE TOWN WIND LAW

June 2, 2015

The Public Hearing to discuss the proposed local law to promote the effective and efficient use of the Town's wind energy resources through Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) and to regulate the placement of such systems was called to order by Supervisor David Vincent at 7:30 P.M. on June 2, 2015 at the Burke Town Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Bill Wood Jim Otis Tim Crippen
Supervisor:	David Vincent
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

Councilman Bill Wood informed the citizens of Burke that he has an existing wind contract on land located in Chateaugay. Bill, therefore due to a conflict of interest, excused himself as a member of the Burke Town Council for the Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M. and left the Council table to sit with the Burke Citizens.

Supervisor David Vincent informed the Public that this Hearing is for Public Comments on the wind law and not to debate or argue the issue.

Burke Town Code Officer, Jim Dumont, read the rules for the public to follow during the Burke Town Public Hearing.

Public Comments:

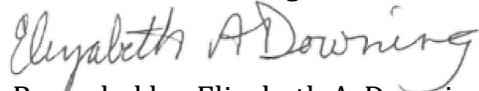
1. Sue Gerow, Burke, NY – Sue stated that the wind law is a good idea because we need a law in place to protect the Town of Burke if a wind project decides to locate in the Town of Burke. It sets regulations that are needed by Burke Town residents.
2. Don Labarge, Burke, NY – Don stated that there are too many wind towers in the area already.
3. Beth Lubold, Burke, NY – Beth stated that a wind law is long over-due to protect the Town of Burke if a wind project decides to locate in the Town of Burke.
4. Keith Trudeau, Burke, NY – Keith stated that a wind law is needed to protect the Town of Burke if a wind project decides to locate in the Town of Burke.
5. Chad Garrow, Churubusco, NY – Chad stated that wind towers are noisy and produce adverse health side effects such as lack of sleep and headaches. He said not all of Churubusco's citizen's concerns were addressed through grievance procedures. He cautioned the Town Board to hear all the citizens of the Town of Burke to ensure each and every citizen has their rights protected.
6. Rose Garrow, Churubusco, NY – Rose stated that the wind towers are noisy, she cannot sleep and has had headaches since the wind towers came into Churubusco. She said to be leery of the Wind Project Personnel because they will make excuses to support their project.
7. Pat O'Connor, Chateaugay, NY, Burke Town Property owner – Pat supports wind towers and said it brings in much needed income. He stated that during the horse and buggy era when automobiles first came in people were against automobiles. He feels this is a similar situation. Towers will provide income and residents will get used to them.
8. Scott Barrett, Burke, NY – Scott cautioned the Town Board to make sure the setback areas of the proposed wind law accounts for the size of a debris area that would occur if there was an accident. This debris area was documented from the tower failure in another project in the area.
9. Ann Britton, Brandon, NY – Ann asked that the Board members consider all previous adverse health side effects that were presented to the Board during

previous wind tower discussions in the Town. She raised concerns that the Board members may have a conflict of interest.

10. David Legacy, Burke, NY – David requested a copy of the Wind Law. He asked each Town Board member if they have or could have in the future, a conflict of interest, such as financial gain, and asked for each Councilmember to respond. David Vincent, Town Supervisor, stated this Public Hearing is for the public to make comments and not for the Councilmembers to respond.
11. Beth Lubold, Burke, NY – Beth requested that the public debate the proposed Wind Law not whether the Town of Burke should or should not acquire a wind project.

A motion to adjourn at 8:02 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis.
Roll Call: Arnold aye, Bill absent, Tim aye, Jim aye and David aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk



Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing