

**RESOLUTION #2016-32 FORMING AND APPOINTING INITIAL MEMBERS OF
TOWN OF ENFIELD WIND FARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Town of Enfield adopted a Wind Farming Local Law setting minimum standards for the siting of wind towers within the Town of Enfield and, since such date, the Black Oak Wind Farm Project (“BOWF”) has applied for permits for several towers and the Town has undertaken a permit review and a SEQRA review, including an EIS review lasting several years; and

WHEREAS, the science and technology of wind farming, as well as the financial needs and costs of interconnection to the power grid, have changed and the Town has received multiple citizen requests to review the updated scientific and public knowledge on wind towers and their actual and potential impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to form a committee to look into the science of wind towers and make advisory recommendations to the Town Board concerning any potential needed updates to such local law and other town processes and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Board wishes to gather more information on this subject to try to find common ground among residents, and the Town Board urges this committee to meet intensively during the next few months; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a prompt and thorough review the Town Board will support this committee by providing a clerk and moderator for its meetings; and

WHEREAS, and after due deliberation upon this matter, and in respect of the potential need to update the local law and in respect of the current permitting process underway, be it now hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. There is hereby formed the Enfield Wind Farm Advisory Committee (the “Committee”), which shall be a citizen advisory committee. The Committee shall be a standing committee for the calendar year 2016, unless earlier dissolved or hereafter extended by the Town Board. The Committee shall consist of as many members as the Town Board shall periodically and at will appoint or remove, whether based upon vacancies, the needs of the Town or the Committee, or otherwise. Initially, the Committee shall consist of 8 members and one alternate. A minimum of two such positions shall be public officials of the Town of Enfield, and at least one shall be a Town Board Member.
2. The initial appointees to the Committee are as follows: Councilperson Michael Miles, Councilperson Mike Carpenter, Marguerite Wells, Martha Fischer, Charles Elrod, Jude Lemke, Marcus Gingrich, Rob Tesori, and alternate, Mimi Mehaffey.
3. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services as such.
4. The Committee may request technical assistance or specialized advice from any resource it may deem appropriate including, but not limited to, other local residents, other Town officers

or employees, Tompkins County Planning, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and New York State Department of Ag and Markets (NYSDAM). However, as a citizen advisory committee, the Committee may not authorize any expenditure of Town funds or enter into any contract arrangements for the payment of goods or services by, for, on behalf of, or in the name of the Town. Funds necessary for proper Committee operation or technical assistance may be requested by the Committee from the Town Board and, in accordance with customary procedures, the Town Board may authorize such funds and approve the expenditure thereof, or execute contracts in support of approved expenditures.

5. The Town Board hereby appoints a clerk and moderator for meetings of the Committee for up to six months at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The clerk and moderator may be changed or removed by the Town Board at any time, for any or no reason.

6. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Town Board and other Town agencies on matters pertaining to the siting and placement of wind turbines in the Town, any potential recommended updates or amendments to the existing local law, and to strengthen and improve public understanding of wind turbines generally, including matters as pertain to public health and safety. Thus, the Committee is charged with gathering factual information regarding wind turbine health and safety issues and making this information available to the Town Board after deliberation and considered recommendations thereupon. Towards this end, the Committee should review, recommend, and prioritize strategies as they relate to Town policies and local laws for wind turbines, and to further become informed about wind farming in the Town and generally, including both their positive and negative potential impacts.

7. The Committee shall undertake such other tasks as requested by the Town Board relating to its above-referenced functions and duties, including making recommendations concerning reasonable and desirable changes to this listing of responsibilities and duties.

Vote: Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson Hansteen aye, Councilperson Miles aye, Supervisor Rider aye. Councilperson Bryant excused. Carried