

Town of Enfield
Renewable Energy Advisory Committee

October 25, 2017 Meeting

In Attendance: Mike Carpenter, Art Godin, Jude Lemke, Mimi Mehaffey, Walt Smithers, Dan Walker

Not Present: Marcus Gingerich

At this meeting we took a step back and made some decisions about the process we will follow to develop draft ordinances governing solar and wind projects in the Town of Enfield.

For the Solar Law:

- Jude will put together a draft law using a well-conceived existing law as a model, likely one of those developed by the Town of Wilton or the Town of Dryden;
- The thinking done and decisions made at our last two meetings using a model law written by Dan Walker will be incorporated into Jude's draft from notes taken by Mike, Mimi and Marcus;
- Mimi will check with Beth McGee about another law that might serve as a model;
- The Committee will review Jude's draft law, hopefully at our next meeting.

For the Wind Law:

- We already have a skeleton/structure developed by Jude, Mimi and Marcus from which to construct a draft of Enfield's law;
- We plan a freeform discussion of the Findings Statement which gives justification for why the law is needed;
- We need to keep the law (for both wind and solar) compatible with Article 10 of the NYS Public Service Regulations governing renewable energy projects which generate over 25 MW of electricity;
- We need to keep the law (for both wind and solar) consistent with Enfield's Comprehensive Plan;
- Mimi, Jude (& Marcus?) will do a survey of setback standards used throughout the US and Europe.
- We will continue to wrestle with this key question: When do reports of possible danger justify taking measures to protect citizens, and when is there too little conclusive evidence to warrant such measures?

During the next few meetings we plan to prioritize the draft solar law and hope to submit the REA Committee's draft to the Town Board by the turn of the year, in hopes of having it fully reviewed and approved by Early Spring, 2018. We will move forward on the wind law as time allows.

Our next meetings will be held at the Community Building on Thurs 11/9, Wed 11/29, Thurs 12/14 and Thurs 1/4/18, all at 7-9 PM.

-Summary submitted by Art Godin.