

TOWN OF ENFIELD  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

A Special Town Board meeting was held Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Enfield Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, New York at 7:00 p.m. with Councilperson Hubbell presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to schedule a public hearing on the Enfield Community Council's 2008 Contract and to meet with those from the Planning Board to review, comment, make changes and finalize the proposed Utility Scale Wind Energy Conversion System Local Law for 2007.

Present: Councilperson Peggy Hubbell, Councilperson Sandra Small, Councilperson Robert Harvey, Councilperson Byron Smith and Town Clerk Alice Laue.

Planning Board Members Present: Calvin Rothermich, Doug Willis, Ann Chaffee.

Absent: Supervisor Owens, Richard Neno, Debbie Teeter, Virginia Bryant, Jim McConkey.

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Newhart, Diane Aramini.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Councilperson Hubbell called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Enfield Community Council – 2008 Contract:**

Motion made by Councilperson Harvey, seconded by Councilperson Hubbell that a public hearing be scheduled for December 12, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comment and input on the Enfield Community Council's 2008 Contract.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilpersons Harvey, Hubbell, Small and Byron were all in favor. Supervisor Owens was absent. Motion carried.

**Proposed Utility Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems Local Law**

Councilperson Hubbell proceeded by going through the proposed Utility Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems Local Law page by page. Councilperson Small explained that the proposed local law was a combination of what the Enfield Planning Board had been working on along with excerpts from various local laws offered as examples taken from the Internet and compiled by New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and New York Department

of State along with a model local law for St. Lawrence County municipalities. Town Board members and Planning Board members offered suggestions and corrections to the document:

- (a) Phrases that referred to Enfield Planning Board as having authority to make changes and/or decisions were changed to say that the Planning Board may make recommendation to the Town Board.
- (b) Proof of liability insurance was reworked to be more specific.
- (c) Two sentences were added to Section 8.L.(c) entitled “Operation” – “The owner of each USWECS shall have it inspected at least every two years for structural and operational integrity by a NYS licensed professional engineer, and shall submit a copy of the inspection report to the Town. If such report recommends that repairs or maintenance are to be conducted, the owner shall provide to the Town Board a written schedule for the repairs or maintenance.”
- (d) Section 10.B. entitled “Waivers” was deleted and a new section B. was inserted reading: “Waivers involving any setback or noise limitation under this section must meet the requirements of this law under Section 8. I. “Noise and Setback Easements”. Written consents must be received from all affected property owners or a waiver cannot be granted.”
- (e) After a lengthy discussion, Section 8.G. entitled “Setbacks” was modified decreasing 1,500 feet to 1,250 feet and grouping all items into one category by saying that everything “shall be set back a distance of 1,250 feet or 1.5 times the USWECS Total Height, whichever is greater, at all times.”

Motion made by Councilperson Harvey, seconded by Councilperson Hubbell that the proposed Utility Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems Local Law be submitted to the Attorney for Town for review and comment with a response deadline of December 5, 2007.

Discussion: When to schedule a public hearing on the matter.

Vote: Councilperson Small aye, Councilperson Smith aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Councilperson Hubbell aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Councilperson Hubbell, seconded by Councilperson Harvey that the November 20, 2007 Special Town Board meeting adjourn.

Discussion:

Vote: Councilperson Small aye, Councilperson Smith aye, Councilperson Harvey aye, Councilperson Hubbell aye, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Laue  
Town Clerk