

Town Board
Town of Barre
Public Hearing/Wind Law Changes

Friday, December 4, 2020

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue
Councilman Lynn Hill
Councilman Tom McCabe
Councilman Kerri Richardson
Councilman Margaret Swan

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Lance Mark, Town Attorney. Public invited to listen by phone and internet.

Supervisor Pogue called the public hearing to order at 6:05pm, with a salute to the flag.

Supervisor Pogue stated the reason for the meeting, the proposed changes to the Town of Barre Wind Law, and he read the Legal Notice that had been published in the Batavia Daily News, including the proposed changes to the Wind Law.

Supervisor Pogue explained that due to Covid cases raising again, the meeting will be closed to all public, only board members, town attorney, and videographer. He explained the different methods that the public will be able to listen and/or watch, and submit comments, phone method and "You Tube" through our website.

Supervisor Pogue explained that this public hearing is only for discussion of the proposed changes to the Town of Barre Wind Law. No discussions will be accepted regarding Wind Energy Companies or their subsidiaries.

Letters that had been previously submitted were read by Supervisor Pogue. The board members read emails from residents regarding the proposed changes. Councilwoman Richardson asked that a letter submitted by Andrea Rebeck be read in its entirety. Mr. Pogue read parts of the letter pertaining to the proposed Wind Law changes as requested. In the letter, Ms. Rebeck pointed out several issues that are a concern to her in the proposed changes. Councilwoman Richardson pointed out issues with the noise levels, setbacks and property lines.

Alex Nacca submitted a question: "What are the manufacturer's recommended setbacks?"

Supervisor Pogue listed the ways to submit comments, email, drop box, fax machine and mail, by close of business on December 14, 2020.

Tom McCabe made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Lynn Hill. Public Hearing closed at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach