

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Milner called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on September 14, 2010. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a proposed local law designed to regulate wind energy conversion systems.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor John Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Mike Myers and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting and Wind Tower Committee representatives Rebecca Donohue and Wayne Rickman.

Visitors present were Tim Bates, Cora Schrader, Vesta Teeter, Jim Hamlin, Lauren McCracken, Eric McCracken, Merle and Jean Eldridge, Christine Hunt, Annie Crane, Kristina Gabalski from the Suburban News and Glenn Steed representing wind tower vendor WindTamer from Rochester.

Supervisor Milner asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspaper. Notice was read.

Supervisor Milner asked if anyone had any comments.

Resident Tim Bates read a prepared statement and provided a copy to the clerk. Mr. Bates was concerned with the length and volume of requirements stated within the proposed draft and felt that the Town Board was going overboard with the proposed local law. Mr. Bates referred to several sections within the draft commenting on the building permit and special use permit, the cost for review and processing, regulation of voltage, installation details, design standards and the decommissioning plan. Mr. Bates does not see how any person could install a wind energy conversion system with all the proposed regulations that must be met and the costs associated with such regulations.

Resident Merle Eldridge stated that the proposed law was too complicated.

\*\*Public Hearing was adjourned to begin the regular scheduled Town Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Glenn Steed, a representative for WindTamer of Rochester, stated he has read the complete proposed local law and had several questions pertaining to performance/decommissioning bonds and engineering costs. Discussion of several points of concern – removal process, sound level, flicker studies, fall zone and design differentials.

Committee member Rebecca Donohue stated that most of the requirements are stated “as requested” in the event of a problem or complaint from a neighbor. This is a new technology in the area and the Board has not had to address it before.

Resident Lauren McCracken stated he would like to see the local law simplified and agreed that the proposed local law was a little overboard. The Town needs to be open minded.

Councilperson Myers added that the committee reviewed several other town codes on this subject matter.

Glenn Steed stated that wind energy is a new technology that many don't know what to do with. Wind energy is the start of new sustainable energy.

Rebecca Donohue informed the Town Board that the comments and suggestions stated would be taken back to the committee to discuss some changes to the proposed local law. The committee will present any changes to the Town Board for review.

There were no other comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk