

**Wilmington Selectboard
Special Meeting
Friday, February 24, 2012
8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Thomas Consolino (via telephone), Margaret Streeter, James Burke and Diane Chapman, Susie Haughwout

Others Present: Scott Murphy, Laura Sibia, Dawn Baxter

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. **Appeal to Green Mountain National Forest re decision to approve Deerfield Wind Project**
The deadline for filing the appeal of the Deerfield Wind Project is today at 4:00 p.m. A consultant who is representing two environmental groups in filing federal appeals has offered to file an appeal for the Town at no cost. Haughwout moved that the town file an appeal to the USDA Forest Service regarding the Forest Service issuance of a permit for the Deerfield Wind project, stating that, while the town is supportive of renewable energy, we are concerned about the impact of this project on Wilmington and with the Forest Service's non-compliance with their own regulations. No town funds will be expended on the appeal. Burke seconded motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion passed unanimously. An inquiry will be made to find out if other towns are also appealing decision.
2. **Spring Road Postings:** Road Supervisor Bill Hunt was on hand to explain that each spring, from March 1 until May 1; unpaved roads are posted to warn trucks that conditions on these roads may be unsafe. Chapman moved and Burke seconded to approve the list of roads to be posted this spring. Vote: All in favor
Bill also mentioned that the State wants to take back Oxbow Loop for their trucks to use as a pull off area. The Board determined to research this issue and find out how it would affect recreation area. The Board thanked Bill and he left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.
3. **Update on Economic Development:** Laura Sibia from BDCC suggested that in order get more capacity for project development that the Town fund a Project Development Coordinator to work under the direction of Bill Colvin one day a week, not to exceed \$200 per week. Chapman moved to authorize the Town Manager to approve the Services Agreement with BDCC as presented. Burke seconded. Vote: All in favor. The Board thanked Laura and she left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
4. **Board of Sewer Commission Meeting to Ratify Sewer Abatements as Recommended by Board of Abatement:** Haughwout moved to go into a meeting of the Sewer Commission to discuss sewer abatements. Burke seconded motion. The Board entered into Sewer Commission meeting at 9:33 a.m. Consolino motioned to approve sewer abatements as recommended by Board of Abatement. Haughwout seconded. Vote: All in favor. The Board came out of the Sewer Commission meeting at 9:35 a.m.

5. **Letter to Army Corps of Engineers**

Board agreed to have Town Manager send letter requesting technical assistance

Burke motioned to adjourn. Chapman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Baxter

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas P. Consolino, Chair

Margaret L. Streeter, Vice Chair

Diane Chapman, Clerk

Susan Joy Haughwout

James R. Burke