

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** Investigation of Antrim Wind Energy Facility

**DATE OF PUBLIC MEETING:** March 9, 2022

**LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING:** NH Public Utilities Commission,  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301  
Hearing Room "A"

The following Committee members were present as confirmed through roll call:

Chairman Daniel Goldner (Presiding Officer) - Chairman, NHPUC  
Vice Chairman Robert Scott - Commissioner, NH Department of Environmental Services  
Pradip Chattopadhyay - Commissioner, NHPUC  
Carleton Simpson - Commissioner, NHPUC  
Victoria Sheehan - Commissioner, NH Department of Transportation  
Michael York, Designee - NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources  
George Kassas - Full Committee Public Member

Individuals Appearing before the Subcommittee:

Michael R. Grandy - Site Evaluation Committee counsel,  
Assistant Attorney General, NH Department of Justice

Presiding Officer, Chairman Daniel Goldner, called the public meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

The following items were addressed:

1. Housekeeping

A rollcall of the Site Evaluation Committee members and counsel was conducted. After the motion for approval of the July 21, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes (see below), an introduction of the action items for consideration by the Committee by Attorney Grandy was provided. Specifically, Attorney Grandy indicated that on April 2, 2021, the Committee issued an order, Docket Entry Number 1 in Docket No. 2021-02, appointing a Subcommittee to review the law, administrative rules, the Antrim Facility's Certificate, and other related filings regarding the sound measurement methodology, for the purpose of providing the Committee a written recommendation, known as the "First Charge."

In Docket Entry Number 44 in Docket No. 2021-02, the Subcommittee submitted its final quarterly report for 2021. That report clarified that the Subcommittee had concluded the First Charge with its submission of Recommendations for consideration by the full Site Evaluation Committee, docketed as Entry Number 36 in Docket No. 2021-02. The Recommendations presented in the First Charge document are dated August 23, 2021 and were to be deliberated by the full Committee at this March 9, 2022 public meeting.

## 2. Approval of July 21, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes

Chairman Goldner asked the Committee if they had the opportunity to review the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Committee meeting, and whether Committee members had any changes or corrections to those minutes. No verbal response was provided; Vice-Chairman Scott moved to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by V. Sheehan, and the Minutes were approved by voice vote, with no members opposed.

## 3. Rules during the meeting:

Chairman Goldner indicated that all public attendees that signed up to comment on a sign-up sheet would be granted leave to make oral comments in the order they appeared on the sheet. Chairman Goldner also stated that each public commenter would be granted 5 minutes individually, which could be combined into one 10-minute segment by two commenters pooling their time (Mss. Lerner and Linowes availed themselves of this option).

## 4. The Committee received public oral comment from, and asked questions of, the following individuals:

- a. Charlene Morrison - Resident, Antrim NH
- b. Dr. Fred Ward - Resident, Stoddard NH
- c. Lisa Linowes - Executive Director, Wind Action Group, and Lori Lerner – Resident, Bridgewater NH
- d. Joe Wilkas - Resident, Bridgewater NH
- e. Barry Needleman - Attorney, McLane Middleton

## 5. Votes on motions and other matters before the Committee; Consultation with Legal Counsel for the Committee.

Following the public comment period, Chairman Goldner requested a motion for an adjournment for the Committee to consult with legal counsel. Vice-Chairman Scott made the motion, which was seconded by P. Chattopadhyay, and approved by voice vote of the Committee with none opposed. The Committee recessed to consult with legal counsel at 2:45 P.M., and the public meeting resumed at 3:33 P.M.

On reconvening, the Committee began its deliberations of the recommendations presented by the Subcommittee within the "First Charge." Vice-Chairman Scott proposed that the recommendations within Section 77 of the First Charge (relating to the applicable turbine noise standard) be accepted in their entirety, and that deliberations focus on the consideration of

Section 77 and Section 85 of the First Charge as two discrete matters. V. Sheehan seconded Vice-Chairman Scott's motion, and discussion of Section 77 commenced. Following this discussion, Chairman Goldner called a roll call vote on the question of the adoption of the noise standard presented in Section 77 of the First Charge, which passed unanimously.

Next, the Committee considered the recommendations presented in Section 85 of the First Charge. Vice-Chairman Scott moved that the Committee accept the Subcommittee's recommendations in Section 85, which was seconded by P. Chattopadhyay. Discussion of Section 85 of the First Charge commenced.

Within the context of the Section 85 discussion, G. Kassas made a motion to accomplish the following: to seek a further definition of what "field survey" as delineated in Section 85 of the First Charge entails, in terms of assets to conduct the survey; human, technology, monitoring, and, if possible, the duration of the survey. M. York seconded this motion. Discussion of G. Kassas' motion commenced. Chairman Goldner then took a roll call vote on G. Kassas' motion, which was approved (4-3) as follows: Chairman Goldner, NO; Vice-Chairman Scott, NO; V. Sheehan, NO; G. Kassas, YES; M. York, YES; P. Chattopadhyay, YES; C. Simpson, YES.

Following this vote, V. Sheehan made an amendment to Vice-Chairman Scott's motion regarding the question of approving Section 85 of the First Charge. This amendment stipulated that if the Subcommittee concurs that the field survey that they anticipated would be consistent with the scope of the field sound survey articulated in current rules, that it would be appropriate for them to move forward with this process. V. Sheehan's motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Scott, and then approved by the Committee unanimously by roll call vote.

V. Sheehan then made a motion to accept the First Charge Subcommittee Report in its entirety, which was seconded by M. York. This motion was approved by the Committee unanimously by roll call vote.

*Chairman Goldner adjourned the meeting at 4:07 P.M.*