

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

General Business Meeting of The Site Evaluation Committee
December 11, 2023
1:30PM

Present: Daniel Goldner, Chair, Public Utilities Commission
Robert Scott, Vice-Chair, Department of Environmental Services
Carleton Simpson, Public Utilities Commission
Pradip Chattopadhyay, Public Utilities Commission
Michael York, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Joseph Doiron, Department of Business and Economic Affairs
William Cass, Department of Transportation
James Jalbert, Public Member

Attendees: See Attached.

Staff: Andrew Biemer, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee
John-Mark Turner, Counsel for Docket 2021-02 Investigative Subcommittee
Mary Triick, New Hampshire Department of Justice

Chairman Daniel Goldner called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM

1:38 PM: Chairman Goldner calls public meeting to order, introduces members of the committee, staff, states purpose of public meeting and outlines meeting structure.

1:39 PM: Chairman Goldner introduces a letter from Commissioner Taylor Caswell, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, appointing Joseph Doiron as his permanent designee to The Site Evaluation Committee.

1:40 PM: Chairman Goldner makes a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

1:40 PM: Chairman Goldner opens a discussion of proposed rules for discussion and approval at the next meeting. Specific proposed rule change is related to remote participation by committee-members and members of the public.

Administrator Andrew Biemer discussed difficulties implementing remote participation. Primary concern is providing the public with enough advance notice.

1:45 PM: Chairman Goldner makes motion instructing the Administrator to prepare a rulemaking docket to address remote participation and any other proposed rule changes. Commissioner Scott seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

1:46 PM: Chairman Goldner opens discussion for re-adoption of application fees. Commissioners Simpson and Cass ask for clarification and if fees were recently updated by the legislature. Administrator Biemer confirms.

Administrator Biemer recommends fees stay the same. Commissioner Cass agrees.

Commissioner Goldner asks for a motion to readopt application fees. Commissioner Simpson makes motion. Commissioner Chattopadhyay seconds motion and motion passes unanimously.

1:49 PM: Chairman Goldner opens discussion of Docket 2021-02: Investigation of Complaints Against Antrim Wind Energy Facility.

1:52 PM: Chairman Goldner opens public comments.

Comments by Karen Payne

Comments by Fred Ward

Comments by Barbara Berwick

Comments by Richard Block

Comments by Shelley Malkins

Comments by Joe Wilkas

Comments by Attorney Barry Needleman (counsel for Antrim Wind, LLC)

Comments by Lisa Linowes

Comments by Lori Lerner

Comments by Attorney Allen Brooks (counsel for the public)

Comments by Attorney John Mark Turner (counsel for the subcommittee)

3:00 PM: Administrator Biemer provides a summary of investigation, subcommittee findings and recommendations.

3:16 PM: Chairman Goldner asks committee if there are questions for the Administrator.

Chairman Goldner reads list of all outstanding ADLS (lighting) and sound complaints.

Richard Block offers comments.

Karen Payne offers comments.

Attorney Barry Needleman offers comments on the investigation and certificate of siting and operation.

Lisa Linowes offers comments.

Attorney John-Mark Turner offers comments on the investigation and certificate of siting and operation.

3:30 PM: Chairman Goldner asks for a motion to disposition the remaining 15 complaints against Antrim Wind Energy Facility with no enforcement action and disband the investigative subcommittee.

Joseph Doiron makes motion. Commissioner Chattopadhyay seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3:40 PM: Chairman Goldner proposes that the Administrator schedule quarterly meetings in advance for 2024. Commissioner Scott agrees.

Chairman Goldner asks for a motion. Joseph Doiron makes a motion instructing the Administrator to schedule quarterly meetings. Commissioner Cass seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3:43 PM: Commissioner Scott asks for a motion instructing Administrator Biemer to draft a letter to The New Hampshire Department of Energy requesting additional review of ongoing ALDS lighting issues.

Mr. Jalbert makes motion. Commissioner Chattopadhyay seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3:55 PM: Meeting adjourns.