

# COHOCTON JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22 2019

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Joint Planning Board was held on Thursday evening, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Village office building located at 17 South Main St. Cohocton NY 14826.

Present were: Chairman Raymond Schrader, Freda Feely (VBM), David Pietrucha (VBM), Ted Walker (TBM), Judi Hall (Alt. TBM), Jeremy Wise (TBM), Russell Gray (Alt. VBM).

Also present were: Jeff Davis (Barclay/Damon), Kevin McAuliffe (Barclay/Damon), Alice Sokolow, Saul Sokolow, Jane Towner, Ron Towner (Town Board), Cheryl Deussenbery (Town Board), Peter Toomey (Barclay/Damon), Gene Drum, Ben Wolcott (Terraform), Lucia Woo (LaBella) and Kathy Spencer (LaBella).

Chairman Raymond Schrader opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting were reviewed by the Board members. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Ray Schrader, seconded by Judi Hall. Motion carried.

This meeting was for the SEQRA resolution for the turbine replacement (modification) project in Cohocton and the Dutch Hill Wind Project.

Kathy Spencer opened the meeting by reviewing the SEQRA process, mentioning the list of impacts which were being considered in this project.

Lucia Woo then spoke about the findings regarding the resources which are outlined in Part 3 of the Full EAF narrative handout, questions were asked and answered. Parts 1, 2 and 3 are on file in the Village Clerks office.

Chairman Schrader proceeded to read the Town of Cohocton Planning Board SEQRA Resolution- Negative Declaration.

## COHOCTON WIND FARM FACILITY – TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

At a Special Meeting of the Cohocton Joint Town and Village Planning Board (Planning Board) held on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Village Office building located at 17 South Main Street, Cohocton NY 14826, the following Resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board received an application (the "Application") from Canandaigua Power Partners II (CPPII), dated September 25, 2018, requesting modification of the Special Use Permit to allow for the replacement of component parts on turbines within the Cohocton Wind Farm Facility located at 10525 Rynders Road, Cohocton New York (the "Project");

WHEREAS, at the Planning Board meeting on October 4, 2018, in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State, the Planning Board examined the Application and Part 1 of the full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and determined that the proposed action constituted an "Unlisted Action" under SEQRA;

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018, the Planning Board circulated notice to Involved and Interested Agencies indicating its intent to act as the Lead Agency for conducting the required environmental review under SEQRA and established a 30-day period for objections to the Planning Board acting as Lead Agency for the Project;

WHEREAS, no objections to the Planning Board's stated intent to act as Lead Agency from the Involved and Interested Agencies were received within the 30 day period; however, comments on the proposed action were received from the Town of Wayland, the NYS Department of Transportation and the Steuben County Planning Department;

WHEREAS, LaBella Associated DPC (LaBella) was retained by the Town of Cohocton to assist the Planning Board with completing the SEQRA process, and LaBella commenced a review of environmental studies and reports provided by the Applicant beginning in the spring of 2019, (including a comprehensive Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) document, and continuing through the summer and the public hearings held on the Application;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Planning Board, LaBella has prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the full EAF taking into consideration the results of the studies provided by the Applicant, the comments of Involved and Interested Agencies, comments made by the public at hearing on July 11, 2019 and July 25, 2019, and other supplemental analyses and information compiled by LaBella on the Project;

WHEREAS, the Planning Board carefully considered all information in Parts 2 and 3 of the full EAF and other relevant documents related to the SEQRA environmental review and has not identified any large environmental impacts related to the proposed replacement of the existing components, as defined in the Application, on the existing turbines of the Cohocton Wind Farm Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Board declares itself to be Lead Agency for the replacement of turbine components at the Cohocton Wind Farm Facility, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, in the role of Lead Agency, the Planning Board declares that, based on the Environmental Record that has been prepared, the project will not result in any large and important impacts, and therefore, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Planning Board therefore issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, and the Planning Board Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to issue, on behalf of the Planning Board, the Negative Declaration in Part 3 of the full Environmental Assessment Form.

A motion was made by Chairman Raymond Schrader to approve the Resolution for the Cohocton Wind Farm Facility – Turbine Replacement Project, as read, motion was seconded by David Pietrucha. Roll call vote was as follows;

David Pietrucha – Aye      Freda Feely – Abstained      Ray Schrader – Aye      Ted Walker – Abstained  
Jeremy Wise – Aye

Motion carried.

Chairman Raymond Schrader proceeded to read the next Resolution, The DUTCH HILL WIND FARM FACILITY – TURBINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

At a Special Meeting of the Cohocton Joint Town and Village Planning Board (Planning Board) held on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Village of Cohocton building located at 17 South Main Street, Cohocton NY 14826, the following Resolution was considered:

WHEREAS, the Planning Board received an application (the "Application") from Canandaigua Power Partners II (CPII), dated September 25, 2018, requesting modification of its Special Use Permit to allow for the replacement of component parts on turbines within the Dutch Hill Wind Farm Facility located at 10535 Rynders Road, Cohocton New York (the "Project");

WHEREAS, AT THE Planning Board meeting on October 4, 2018, in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New

York State, the Planning Board examined the Application and Part 1 of the full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and determined that the proposed action constituted an "Unlisted Action" under SEQRA;

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018, the Planning Board circulated notice to Involved and Interested Agencies indicating its intent to act as the Lead Agency for conducting the required environmental review under SEQRA and established a 30-day period for objections to the Planning Board acting as Lead Agency for the Project;

WHEREAS, no objections to the Planning Board's stated intent to act as Lead Agency from the Involved and Interested Agencies were received within the 30 day period; however, comments on the proposed action were received from the Town of Wayland, the NYS Department of Transportation and the Steuben County Planning Department;

WHEREAS, LaBellas Associates DPC (LaBella) was retained by the Town of Cohocton to assist the Planning Board with completing the SEQRA process, and LaBella commenced a review of environmental studies and reports provided by the Applicant beginning in the spring of 2019, including a comprehensive Supplemental Environmental Assessments (SEA) document, and continuing through the summer and the public hearings held on the Application;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Planning Board, LaBella has prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the full EAF taking into consideration the results of the studies provided by the Applicant, the comments of Involved and Interested Agencies, comments made by the public at hearings on July 11, 2019 and July 25, 2019, and other supplemental analyses and information compiled by LaBella on the Project;

WHEREAS, the Planning Board carefully considered all information in Parts 2 and 3 of the full EAF and other relevant documents related to the SEQRA environmental review and has not identified any large environmental impacts related to the proposed replacement of the existing components, as defined in the Application, on the existing turbines of the Dutch Hill Wind Farm Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Board declares itself to be Lead Agency for the replacement of turbine components at the Dutch Hill Wind Farm Facility; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, in the role of Lead Agency, the Planning Board declares that, based on the Environmental Record that has been prepared, the project will not result in any large and important impacts, and therefore, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Planning Board therefore issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, and the Planning Board Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to issue, on behalf of the Planning Board, the Negative Declaration in Part 3 of the full Environmental Assessment Form.

Motion was made by Chairman Raymond Schrader to approve the Resolution regarding the Dutch Hill Wind Farm Facility – Turbine Replacement Project as read, seconded by David Pietrucha. Roll call vote as follows;

David Pietrucha – Aye      Freda Feely – Abstained      Raymond Schrader – Aye      Ted Walker – Abstained  
Jeremy Wise – Aye

Motion carried.

September 5, 2019 is the date of the next Planning Board meeting regarding the Special Use Permits for the Wind Projects.

Motion was made by Chairman Schrader to adjourn the meeting, Freda Feely seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Minutes prepared by Judith Carey – Planning Board Clerk