

**Village Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting minutes of May 12, 2009**

Present: Mayor Larry Gursslin  
Trustees Horylev, Gates, Lee & Speer  
Janet Surridge & Shari Pearce

Guests: Patrick Doyle & Owen Grant

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm for the purpose of discussing a new concept for wind energy development.

Trustee Speer introduced our guests. Patrick Doyle, who is the President of North Wind & Power, and Owen Grant who works for this company as a consultant.

Last week Trustee Speer attended a wind energy conference in Chicago. He briefly updated the Board on what he learned and why he invited North Wind & Power to meet with the Board. In his opinion, he feels Empire State Wind Energy is the wrong developer for our project because they have never actually built a wind farm so they have less experience in this field.

Patrick Doyle gave an overview of his background, why North Wind & Power was formed and what he sees happening with wind development today because of economic factors. He said there is less money available, fewer lenders and projects are becoming more expensive.

Mr Doyle reviewed a wind data map for New York State. The land that lies in a pink color on this map has good wind and is a prime area for development. Any land that lies in the green area on the map is less favorable for development. The intended site we have chosen to study lies in a green area and Mr Doyle is concerned that there may not be enough wind to support a project. He encouraged us to search for a new site and try to find land that is more suitable, possibly even in the Town of Hamlin near the lake.

Before this meeting, Mr Doyle was given a tour of our area and was shown where the location of the RG&E transmission station is on Manitou Road. Based on his initial evaluation, Mr Doyle recommended that we investigate the cost to install 2 or 3 turbines that are each 2.5 megawatts in size (cost per unit is about \$2 million) as well as the connection costs using a 115 kv line to connect into the grid. Those connection costs could range up to \$5 million.

A discussion took place on the receptiveness of developing a project in our community. We are located close to the lake which will raise concerns about the birds. He suggested that the Board take steps to determine how a project would be received as early as possible. Too many negatives can be a show stopper.

Trustee Speer said that the Board should consider installing a MET tower to start gathering wind data. Estimated costs to buy and install such a tower were discussed.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m. Shari Pearce left the meeting at this time.

**Other business**

Trustee Horylev made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Trustee Lee. Carried unanimously 5-0

At 7:30 p.m. Trustee Horylev made a motion to exit out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Gates. Carried unanimously 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Janet Surridge  
Clerk-Treasurerl