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# Distributed Wind Energy Association Permitting & Zoning Committee Meeting

Co-Chairs: Mick Sagrillo and Alan Axworthy

November 12, 2012 at 4p EDT

Call-in: 661-673-8600 Access Code: 556723#

### **NACO**

- Members of the P&Z Committee have received the document.
- Mick & Lisa reviewed the document and made a few changes.
- Jared has left NACO. No news about his replacement.
- P&Z will stay engaged with future revisions & influence additional case studies.

# **Model Ordinance Update**

- Mick reviewed status... P&Z favored separate docs by 11 1.
- Board suggested another inter-committee meeting to try to reconcile difference.
- Jennifer to facilitate the meeting
- No progress on companion document until final model ordinance is resolved

### Webinar Ideas

- "Talk me / walk me through the process"
- Wind turbine fundamentals for permitting & zoning people
  - o Why turbines look like they do and why they're put on towers as they are
- Model ordinance overview
  - Mick's experience: Start with ½ hour wind technology overview... much else becomes clear from understanding the basics
- Simplifying zoning ordinance case study / webinar biggest hurdle to installations
  - Mechanical integrity (NYSERDA approval)
  - o Safety (setback)

### **Myth Busters Update**

• No update yet from Sherrett (next topic) & Mike (Architectural Wind)

### **Case Studies**

- Operating principle: Things That Work
- What we want to showcase
  - o Examples of good ordinances & how they got there
  - o Examples of how people can use ordinances in a proactive manner
  - o Perspective of an owner permitting a single turbine
- Format / formula
  - State the problem
  - State the facts
  - o Define resolution



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- o DWEA recommendation / lesson to be learned
- See example case study sent last week with agenda
- Examples of successes
  - o Wausau East HS... NPS 100... work done up front... permit hearing took just 5 minutes...
  - o Greensburg, KS... Harvest the Wind Network... Endurance @ hospital, high school, hotel, Deere dealer, all the the same town... Andrew Trapanese has background
  - o Everyone's assignment before next meeting: Find a good story & share it with the committee

# **Zoning Resource Center**

- Discussed issues in the list from last meeting & decided we had enough to follow up with other activities previously discussed.
- As new case studies and webinars are developed, they can be added to the Zoning Resource Center
- Likewise, the companion document to the model zoning ordinance

### **Miscellaneous**

- Do we have a clearinghouse for existing ordinances?... Sherrett has a bunch from New York
  - o Wind Powering America website has lots—tough to find good ones...
- Insurance
  - o Updated program for installation coverage for customers... group policy...
  - o Possibly offer through DWEA
  - o Jennifer needs to follow this up
- NEC 120% rule
  - o Invalid?... possibly appeal NEC?...
  - o Engage Installer Committee
  - o 2014 NEC working group?...
- NY State
  - o SEL relays: really required for induction generator?
  - o Appeal to NYS PSC?
  - o Engage Installer Committee
- Sign-on dot org
  - o Petition for a town board to NYERDA for mechanical approval & safety by setback

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2012, 4pm EDT