

**Re: RECAP Working Session September 3, 2009**

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The Wind Facilities Project Team met on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Pitt Center. Team Members Joe Archibald, Mike Florez, Jim Millis, Bob Palombo, Merrie Smith were present. Team Member Nancy Wendt was absent but submitted input for the meeting in advance.

There was one guest, George Chase.

The Recap of the last Team meeting held on 7/28/09 were approved as minutes of that meeting,

Project Task – Mike Florez introduced a project task list for discussion and assignment to team members. The following is a summary of task list headings and the team member assigned to that task.

1. Definitions - Merrie Smith
2. Impacts
  - a. Structural - Larry Lawhon
  - b. Safety, Noise , Vibrations, and Wild Life – Ed Cowell
  - c. Aesthetic – Merrie Smith
3. Current Technologies – Jim Millis
4. Power Grid Connection Issues – Ed Cowell
5. Current Trends in Demand – Joe Archibald
6. Regulatory Climate – Mike Florez
7. Ordinances from other localities – Merrie Smith
8. Workshops – to be assigned
9. Draft Recommendations – to be assigned
10. Draft Presentation – To be assigned

Project Schedule – The initial research phase which includes the above task list would be completed by late October to early November. The first workshop which is a general education on wind generation facilities and land use issues will be scheduled for late November. Other workshops will be scheduled for December and January as the project progress allows. Our overall time frame objective is to submit first draft recommendations to the Planning Board in January. A draft ordinance could be presented to Town Council in March.

Other Discussion – Other topics of discussion included the overall scope of our project. Jim Millis suggested that we keep in mind the end use of most wind generation facilities is for power consumption on site. A number of potential systems might be for specific tasks such as outdoor lighting and or back up power for limited use. It was generally agreed that the potential hazards of connection to the power grid needed further investigation and is in fact an initial research task list item.

Facility type and size were also discussed as an important distinction to be made under definitions. Small, medium and large facilities are commonly used industry terms.

Merrie Smith named Dennis Scanlon of Appalachian State as a possible guest presenter for a public information workshop.

Team Meeting Calendar – The team agreed that a twice monthly meeting schedule would work best for building the momentum for the initial phase of this project. The meetings would be held every two weeks at 3:00 pm on Thursdays at the Pitt Center. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- September 24
- October 8
- October 22
- November 1

Please note that the next meeting date is scheduled for **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm