

Denning Zoning Board of Appeals

Public hearing on proposed wind turbine project on Eve-Eden Road

Opened meeting
10/30/2013 7 pm

Board members in attendance.

Mark Boncek Chairman

Bill Leudeman

Frances Chewiwi

Archie Ackerly Jr.

A sign in sheet was at the entry to the meeting. Those attending were encouraged to sign in, although, this was not a requirement.

Sign in;

Carl Landon

Richard Dantes

Franca Dantes

Miles Dantes

Ron Frendenburg

Carol Ramsay

Barry Schaeffer

Susan Rothchild Schaeffer

Pauline Leverech

Janies Leverech

Phil Coombe III (wind turbine owner from the Town of Neversink NY)

Steve Selwyn

Kyle Humphrey

Paul Riccogono

Tiffany A Gillman

Richard Benkwitt

Julyan Gillman

Chrys Papadopoulos

Karl Von Hassel Denning code enforcement

Mike Dean Town councilman

Barry Levine

Linanne Sackett

Jonne Sackett

(please excuse my spelling, a secretary I am not)

The meeting opened with Mr. Chase (contractor for this project) gave a quick introduction and overview of this project.

The wind turbine is a 142 ft tower supporting a 30 ft, three blade impellor, with other equipment the total finish height will be 176ft.

This unit is for energy offset for the property use, not a moneymaking system.

Question was raised on impact on bird kills associated with the spinning blades. Mr. Chase supplied a reply from the National Autobaun Society where they see no effect on our bird population.

Questions were raised about physical dangers (ice fling, sound, catastrophic failure, fire and rescue). The site was chosen to make sure that these possible problems would not be a danger to the homeowner. The site chosen is a far distance from neighboring properties as to remove effect of failure.

Questions were raise on view and line of sight. This is by far the largest concern. To the east of all these properties is a magnificent view of the Shawangunk Mountain range. The wind turbine would not block this view for anyone. Homes on the north east section of Yeagerville road starting by the schoolhouse would be able to see the turbine to right as they head south for about a quarter of a mile.

One of the most concerned families is the Gilman's on 46 Mountain Lane. This property is directly north of the turbine and they are concerned that this will tower over them.

Many of the people attending were there to voice their opinion that they feel this project was intrusive to their lives and reason they purchased these properties to begin with.

I would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Phil Coombe III who has an interest in wind power and is an owner of a wind turbine. Mr. Coombe asked

in advance if he could attend our meeting and give candid answers to many questions pro and con.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 to public comment. The people were told that there would be no more comment from the public but they were allowed to listen to discussion and debate on the issue amongst the board.

The board decided that they all wanted more time to look into this matter, review documents and visit site area and were invited by Mr. Coombe (a wind turbine owner in Neversink NY) to visit his turbine.

Announcement was made that a meeting on this topic will be held on Wed. November 13, 2013.

At this time we hope to vote so as not to keep the applicant or the home owners in prolonged stress.

Submitted respectfully;

Mark Boncek, Chairman