

REQUEST TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

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SECOND: To hear, consider and act upon any other matter which may be brought to the Board in the same manner and to the same effect as if the Board were convened in regular session.

Dated at Lyons, New York
March 18, 2010

James D. Hoffman, Chairman
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

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State of New York
Wayne County

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Wayne County Board of Supervisors

**7th Day
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The Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in their chambers in the Court

House, Chairman Hoffman presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Spickerman.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present.

County Administrator James Marquette and County Attorney Daniel Wyner were also in attendance of the evening session.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Hoffman began the meeting by informing the attending members of the public of the Board's motivation to schedule and hold this public comment period. The Board's interest was to give all individuals the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning the proposed Great Lakes Offshore Wind Project, initiated by the New York Power Authority.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment at 7:06 p.m., giving brief instruction regarding the Board's procedures that are followed for all hearings. Further, he requested that persons interested in addressing the Board with their comments to come forth to the podium.

The Clerk counted 122 individuals that attended the hearing, including the following 38 who addressed the board with their comments:

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| 1. Frank Moses, Director of Montezuma Wildlife Society | 19. Mark and Kass Vande. Sodus Point |
| 2. Tom Agnello, President of Blind Sodus Bay Association | 20. Martha Kincaid, Sodus |
| 3. Ken Redman, Ontario | 21. Timothy Ellis, Williamson |
| 4. Jack Watson, Wolcott | 22. Gary Featherly, Arcadia |
| 5. Al Isselhard, Wolcott | 23. Joan Eckberg, Sodus Point |
| 6. Dennis Chasse, Newark | 24. Jan Klapetzky, Williamson |
| 7. Barry J. Gheer, Secretary of the Pultneyville Yacht Club | 25. Larry Laforce, Sodus Point |
| 8. John Ferrante, Williamson | 26. Mike Fonte, Marion |
| 9. Arno Bebernitz, Ontario | 27. Linda Breed, Palmyra |
| 10. Bob Urrutia, Sodus Point | 28. Don O'Neil, Sodus |
| 11. Mary Isselhard, Wolcott | 29. John Brewer, Webster |
| 12. Ed Leroux, Leroy Island | 30. Mike McBride, Williamson |
| 13. Jon Fontaine, Marion | 31. Julie Syracuse, Sodus |
| 14. William Ross, Williamson | 32. Peter Furguella, Ontario |
| 15. Jim Wood, Sodus | 33. John Solberg, Ontario |
| 16. Dave Scudder, Wolcott | 34. John Miner, Sodus |
| 17. Steven Castonguay, Newark | 35. Nancy Kasper, Huron |
| 18. Terry VanStean, Lyons | 36. Jack Mays, Williamson |
| | 37. Henry Stewart, lake front land owner |
| | 38. Ed Dodd, Wolcott |

The Chairman provided the opportunity for additional comments at this time. There being no one else to speak, Chairman Hoffman requested a motion to close the hearing.

At 8:33 p.m., Mr. Kelsch moved, seconded by Mr. Colacino, that the hearing be closed. Upon roll call, carried.

The Clerk respectfully tallied their comments and calculated that 29 were against the project, 5 were supportive and 4 were undecided for the proposed development of the offshore wind farm.

Chairman Hoffman thanked the members of the public for their participation in tonight's hearing. He stated that this was a good example of democracy and emphasized that he was proud of his fellow Supervisors for arranging this public hearing scheduled for tonight.

The Clerk distributed a copy of Resolution No. 241-10 to Board Members, that was tabled from the last board session of March 16, 2010.

Supervisor LeRoy made a motion to remove Resolution No. 241-10 from the table. Seconded by Ms. Park. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 241-10: OPPOSE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY GREAT LAKES OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT (TABLED on March 16, 2010)

Mr. LeRoy presented the following:

WHEREAS, the New York Power Authority ("NYPA") released a request for proposals for the development of utility scale (120 mw to 500 mw) wind generating projects in the New York waters of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the due date for proposals is June 1, 2010 with a project award date of December 2010; and

WHEREAS, NYPA has conducted preliminary wind resource studies, site screening studies, environmental studies and other technical studies with respect to the New York waters of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario to investigate potentially feasible locations for wind projects; and

WHEREAS, these studies identify several scenic and environmentally sensitive areas off the Lake Ontario shoreline in Wayne County as suitable sites for wind turbines; and

WHEREAS, NYPA has provided an incentive for said projects by committing to purchase the electricity it generates either through a long term purchase power agreement or through the outright purchase of the generating facility once it is operational; and

WHEREAS, the waters and shoreline of Lake Ontario consistently return millions of tourism dollars annually to the local economy through fishing, recreational boating, swimming, cottage rentals, hiking and biking, and local festivals and community celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County and its residents have worked tirelessly to improve water quality and rebuild public facilities so visitors and residents can continue to enjoy the unblemished beauty of our Lake Ontario shoreline and its beautiful sheltered embayments; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of massive wind farms off Wayne County's Lake Ontario shoreline threatens Wayne County's thriving tourism economy and the resulting revenues that local businesses depend upon; and

WHEREAS, within the proposed tower areas of Lakes Erie and Ontario are numerous submerged cultural resources for which New York State is responsible to protect and provide public access under the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987, and construction of wind towers will likely limit access to these historic resources for research and recreational purposes, and may pose a threat of destruction of these resources, and

WHEREAS, the proposed tower areas are also within the North American Flyway, one of the most significant bird migratory routes in the western hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, no study exists that measures the environmental impact or the actual economic impact to the local tourism economy should an offshore wind farm of this magnitude be established; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County supports the development of responsibly sited wind energy projects that do not pose significant environmental or economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County also supports energy conservation as part of a responsible energy policy and urges the State of New York to continue to seek ways to reduce energy consumption, which could in turn reduce the need for energy generation over time; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County will not oppose other Counties should they wish to pursue wind energy off their Lake Ontario shoreline; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the Great Lakes Offshore Wind Project as proposed by the New York Power Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Wayne County urges the New York Power Authority to reject any and all proposals submitted for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the New York Power Authority, the New York State Association of Counties, Governor David Patterson, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assemblyman Robert Oaks, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, St. Lawrence County, Jefferson County, Oswego County, Cayuga County, Monroe County, Orleans County and Niagara County.

Mr. LeRoy addressed the Board regarding his opposition for the establishment of massive wind farms off Wayne County's Lake Ontario shoreline, siting no studies have been completed to show the environmental impact or the actual economic impact to the local tourism economy. Mr. LeRoy added that the construction of this wind farm project would be of no financial benefit to Wayne County after completed.

Prior to vote, there were comments from several Supervisors regarding their view on the proposed resolution. Their comments included the United States being heavily dependent upon foreign energy sources; not receiving enough information to be able to make an informed decision on this project; the fact that NYPA was not able to attend this hearing to address tonight's questions concerning this project and disappointment with the fact that lakeshore Towns were not directly informed of this initiative by NYPA. Additional comments included that there were better local resources available to promote other means of alternative and renewable energy sources within Wayne County; as well as communicating with neighboring counties that were approached by NYPA, that addressed similar concerns regarding the public benefit and local impact of such a project.

The Chairman called for a vote of the resolution on the floor. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted Aye. The Chairman declared the Resolution adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Park moved, seconded by Mr. Lauderdale, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Sandra J. Sloane, Clerk, Wayne County Board of Supervisors
