

April 5, 2016

The Newfield Town Board held a work session Meeting at the Town Hall Board Room April 5, 2016 at 7:17 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jeffrey Hart and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

*Present were:* Supervisor Jeffrey Hart, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Mike Allinger. Also present were 5 attendees.

### **Old Business**

#### *Plan for Wind Moratorium*

Supervisor Hart stated that the Tompkins County Planning Department reported that they found no negative declaration for environmental impact regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 for the year 2016 and Tompkins County Legislature supports wind energy projects.

Supervisor Hart reported Marguerite Wells; the project manager for the Black Oak Wind Farm (BOWF) and a financier spoke to him regarding changing the wording for Local Law No. 3 of 2016. BOWF would like to be able to build a road in the Town of Newfield to access an infrastructure substation located in the Town of Enfield. The proposed road could trigger Local Law No. 1 of 2014-Local Road Use and Preservation.

The Board is considering a road trip to observe wind farms. Date is undetermined. It was suggested to invite the Fire Chief to future meetings regarding health and safety issues.

Councilperson James presented a Model Municipal Wind Siting Ordinance, suggesting the Board review the document for reference.

Local Concerns: safety, setbacks (from property lines) and noise.

Next work session meeting: April 19, 2016- Moratorium related topics to include setback distances and permitting fees.

April 28, 2016: Board Meeting- Stephen Penningroth from the Community Science Institute will be making a presentation.

At 8:42 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

April 13, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC  
Newfield Town Clerk