

Massachusetts Wind Working Group

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3pm, Amherst, MA

Meeting Goal

Break out into subcommittees and set work plans

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Introductions
2. Introduction from each subcommittee chair, 10 minutes each (*see other side*):
 - a. Application support - Community Wind (100 kW - 5 MW)
 - b. Coordination with State & Federal agencies
 - c. Public Education & Outreach
 - d. Support state Policy
 - e. Coordination with utilities, DTE & ISO
3. Break out into Subcommittees:
 - a. Develop work plans & action items
4. Close
 - a. Announcements of upcoming wind-related events in the region
 - b. Next meeting
 - i. Date & Time: Wed. 21 Sept. 2005, 3pm
 - ii. Place: to be announced
 - iii. Take requests for agenda items

Mission of the Massachusetts Wind Working Group

- Promote smart and successful wind energy development in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Identify barriers and opportunities related to the development of wind energy.
- Develop a strategic plan to support the creation of good wind projects.
- Promote the public understanding of modern wind power, and its benefits and impacts
- Create linkages between wind energy and other sectors to foster job creation and economic development in Massachusetts

Logistics

- Please drop your nametags in the box on your way out & we'll re-use them at the next meeting.
- Attendance at these meetings is public record – your name will be included in the minutes on the web.
- Your contact information is not public record; however, we will distribute a contact list among attendees only. If you do not want your contact information distributed among attendees, please tell me by tomorrow. Sally Wright, swright@erl.org, 413-545-3914

MWWG Subcommittees

In order to pursue its mission, the Massachusetts Wind Working Group has formed several subcommittees to address specific issues:

1. Application support for community wind (100 kW- 5 MW)

Chair: Paul Cleri R W Beck, PCleri@rwbeck.com, 508-935-1846

Example of issues or actions for this committee:

- Explore project finance options
- Technical support for municipal electric companies

2. Coordination with state & federal agencies

Chair: Mark Kalpin, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP,
mark.kalpin@wilmerhale.com, 617-526-6176

Example of issues or actions for this committee:

- USF&W guidelines. Involve state DFWELE & state biologist
- FAA & MAC, Municipal Airports, re: radar, etc.
- Work with USDA to enable wind power funding in Mass. under the Farm bill
- Army Corps of Engineers. SEP's (State Energy Programs)
- MA Highway Dept.; DEP; Planning, regional planning

3. Public education & outreach

Co-Chairs: Richard Lawrence, Cape and Islands Self Reliance, richardl@reliance.org, 508-457-7679 (east) & Nancy Nylen, Center for Ecological Technology, 413-458-5688
nancyn@cetonline.org (west)

Example of issues or actions for this committee:

- Send out a press release about the formation of the MWWG.
- Write & submit op-eds. Work with the media.
- Develop a series of educational articles for distribution. Public literacy campaign on energy in general & wind energy in specific.
- Develop educational "MA Wind Energy" video for public broadcast (as done in VT)
- Invite anti-wind individuals/groups for discussion

4. Support state policy

Chair: Jack Wiggin, Urban Harbors Institute, jack.wiggin@umb.edu, 617-287-5570

Example of issues or actions for this committee:

- Support EOEAs' current effort to develop state guidance for wind energy, including a model by-law & siting on state lands
- Programmatic avian impact support, to expedite site-specific avian impact studies
- Clarify issues with Chapter 61 (agricultural) lands; Article 97 (open space) lands.
- Long-term stabilization of policy. Permitting obstacles; zoning, by-laws.
- Definition of "water-dependent use" for offshore turbines

5. Coordination with utilities, DTE & ISO

Chair: Chris Sherman, CapeWind, Energy Management, Inc. (EMI), csherman@emienergy.com,
617- 904-3100

Example of issues or actions for this committee:

- Interconnect standards, policies. Stand-by tariffs
- Transmission planning taking wind integration into consideration
- Encourage Massachusetts utilities to be involved in the utility wind interest group (UWIG: <http://www.uwig.org/>)