

Massachusetts Wind Working Group
Focusing on all scales of wind power in Massachusetts
3pm Friday, April 1, 2005, Westborough

Agenda

First Meeting Goal

Develop task list

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1. Welcome
 - a. Introductions
2. Mission statement
 - a. Discuss
 - b. Finalize
3. Develop task list
 - a. Presentation of list of needs in Massachusetts (attached)
 - b. Solicit suggestions of other needs
 - c. Identify achievable goals & tasks
 - d. Identify some manageable action items
4. Set next meeting
 - a. Frequency: initially monthly, switching to quarterly
 - b. Date & Time: 11 May 2005, 3 pm
 - c. Place: Boston, TBD
 - d. Take requests for agenda items
5. Close

MWWG Mission (draft)

- 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 overcome barriers to siting good wind projects.
- Promote the public understanding of modern wind power, and its benefits and impacts
- Create new wind-energy-related jobs and economic development opportunities in Massachusetts

Massachusetts' Needs → Potential roles for MWWG:

- Education & advocacy*
 - Workshops within WWG
 - Public energy literacy campaign
- Support Policy*
 - Siting on state lands (support EOEAs' current effort)
 - Clarify issues with Chapter 61 (agricultural) lands; Article 97 (open space) lands

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- Long-term stabilization of policy
- Permitting obstacles; zoning, by-laws
- Incentive options for wind
 - E.g. RPS/ REC support, feed-in tariffs
 - e.g. Paul Gipe's success with community wind feed-in tariffs in Ontario, <http://www.ontario-sea.org/ARTs/ARTsList.html>)
- State offshore wind (e.g. "water-dependent use" definition)
- Application support
 - Municipal electric company support
 - Medium & Small wind
- Utilities, ISO, DTE
 - Interconnect standards, policies
 - Transmission planning taking wind integration into consideration
 - Stand-by tariffs
 - Encourage utilities to be involved in UWIG (<http://www.uwig.org/>)
- Coordinate w/ State entities
 - Logan & MAC (Mass. Aeronautics Commission)
 - Radar
 - Planning
 - F&W: involve the state biologist
 - Planning, regional planning
- Federal:
 - Work with USDA to enable wind power funding in Mass. under the Farm bill
 - SEP's (State Energy Programs)

*Note: WWG's cannot advocate policy but can give technical support to policy makers