

September 8, 2011

Minutes of the Public Hearing
on the Bowers Mountain TIF Project
held September 8, 2011
in the District Court Room
Machias, Maine

Attending the hearing were:
Commissioner Christopher M. Gardner
Commissioner Kevin L. Shorey
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Gail Popham, Administration
Donnie Smith, Sheriff
Mike St. Louis, Chief Deputy
Robert Gross, Jail Administrator
Mary Zidalis, Jail
Sharon Strout, Registrar of Deeds
Darlene Wallace, Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Register of Probate
Jim Lucas, Buildings & Grounds
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Harold Clossey, SCEC
Eleody Libby, WC:OC
Diane Smith-Halkett, SCEC and TIF Administrator
Ted Glessner, Judicial Branch
Mike Coty, Office of Judicial Marshalls
Neil Kiely, First Wind
Eric Stumpfel, Eaton Peabody
Joan Fortin, Bernstein Shur, First Wind
Sharon Mack, BDN
Phillip Duggan, DECP
Darren Prout, The By "Us" Co.
Greg Parker, Mid-Atlantic Salt, LLC
Mike Crabtree, MDEA
Jeff Davidson, Attorney
Albert Alley, Jail
Linda Cox, East Machias
Corin Dowling, East Machias
Sam Denson, Lubec
Roliza Bartlett, Calais

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Commissioner Gardner called the hearing to order at 3:45. He then turned the floor over to Neil Kiely of First Wind. Mr. Kiely stated that this project includes 27 turbines of which 8 are in Kossuth Twp. in Washington County. He stated that these turbines are more advanced than the ones at Stetson in that they have more capacity. He noted that this project is in the final permit phase with LURC. He then asked Joan Fortin to clarify the terms of the TIF District. She stated that while 100% of the taxes would continue to be paid to the State, 60% of the taxes would be captured and returned to the company pursuant to the terms of a Credit Enhancement Agreement. Because the County elected not to retain any of the taxes to fund the County's TIF programs, the remaining 40% of the company's taxes will remain with the State. In response to a question by Commissioner Gardner, Mr. Kiely explained how the tangible benefits funds will be allocated. Some of the tangible benefits funds will be administered by SCEC.

The Commissioners strongly believe in tax relief for the County's UT citizens. Commissioner Gardner opened the floor to anyone supporting or opposing the project. Seeing none, he closed the hearing. Joan Fortin stated that they were hoping for a motion to adopt the Order designating the TIF District and approving the related development program. Commissioner Gardner reopened the hearing and read the Order out loud to the audience. (see attached)

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to adopt said Order. Commissioner Shorey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: 4:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gail Popham, Admin. Asst.

Attest: _____
Betsy Fitzgerald, County
Clerk