

HISTORY OF WIND POWER IN HARWICH

2002- present

Getting Started

- ▣ July 2002- BOS directed U&EC to evaluate the potential of wind power in Harwich
- ▣ Town desires to have a revenue stream but does not want to build, own or operate
- ▣ Agreement with UPC Wind Partners
- ▣ Test tower at Landfill- 2/03 for a year
- ▣ 2003&04- evaluation of wind data by UPC and development of business plan

2005 Activity

- ▣ Recommendation to discontinue operations with UPC Wind Partners
- ▣ MTC preliminary Feasibility Study for three new sites- High School, Water Dept, Cranberry Valley Golf Course
- ▣ Another test tower funded by MTC 2006-07 in service at High School
- ▣ Favorable results generate RFP for Full Feasibility Study

Weston & Sampson Study-2008

- ▣ Looked at 3 sites plus added Landfill
- ▣ Net Metering emergence & Brewster help
- ▣ Wind Turbine By-Law passed at TM- 2009
- ▣ Chatham Airport FAA roadblock
- ▣ North Harwich Site selection w/FAA approval
- ▣ CVEC establishment and Harwich joining-2008
- ▣ BOS authorize CVEC to proceed to develop financing

Where we are now

- ▣ Nov 09-STM Authorized BOS to negotiate with and sign leases and PPA with CVEC for two wind turbines in North Harwich
- ▣ Concerns subsequently expressed by neighbors resulted in much work to relocate turbines and this public meeting with 400+ neighbors invited so that specifics of the plan and facts concerning health, safety and visual issues can be discussed .
- ▣ May Town Meeting includes 6 warrant articles related to this plan

Quote from the Official Website of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

“There are thousands of wind turbines installed in the United States, and no credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence has been published to date identifying any syndromes or diseases caused by wind energy turbines.”