

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



February 12, 2018

Town Board of East Hampton
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

To the Town Board:

Since March 2017, Deepwater Wind has made many presentations about the proposed South Fork Wind Farm to the Board and other stakeholders in the Town of East Hampton. These presentations and the additional meetings organized in response to concerns expressed by various interest groups have been quite informative. However, important questions still remain unanswered.

DWW has been asked repeatedly to supply more detailed information about the potential environmental impacts of the project and has repeatedly failed to do so. DWW claims that such matters would be addressed as part of the permitting process only after the Town granted easements to allow DWW to lay a transmission cable.

The current proposal indicates this cable would extend from the turbines, under the seabed, to Wainscott Beach, and then along roads in the hamlet to the LIRR, and finally to the substation at Buell Lane. Wainscott residents value, and wish to protect, their hamlet and seek greater assurance that the fragile ecosystem is safe from harm. The level of environmental review to date is not sufficient enough for the WCAC to endorse the Town's granting of the necessary easements.

Thus, the WCAC respectfully suggests the Town Board require Deepwater Wind to obtain and submit a Natural Resources Special Permit and comply with requirements of SEQR before the Town proceeds with consideration of any easements. According to the Town Code §255-4-20, "Activities requiring natural resources special permits" under "B. Beaches", it is stated that: (1) on or within any beach or within 150 feet of the inland

boundary of any beach, the b) digging, dredging, or excavating land ... and c) building, constructing ... or placing [of] any structure or other improvement whatsoever in or upon land” would require an NRSP. Should the Town decide to grant an easement to DWW in order for it to apply for an NRSP then the granting of such easement should be subject to the NRSP and comply with requirements of SEQR.

The proposed South Fork Wind Farm should be subject to the same review as any other project that would affect natural resources in the Town of East Hampton.

The WCAC urges the Town Board to give this request due consideration.

Respectfully,



Barry Frankel
Co-Chair

Susan Macy
Susan Macy
Co-Chair

cc: Peter Van Scoyoc, Supervisor
Sylvia Overby, Deputy Supervisor
Jeffrey Bragman, Councilman
Katheer Burke-Gonzalez, Councilwoman
David Lys, Councilman

Town Trustees:
Francis Bock, Clerk
Bill Taylor, Deputy Clerk
Rick Drew, Deputy Clerk
Dell Cullum, Trustee
Brian Byrnes, Trustee
Jim Grimes, Trustee
Susan McGraw Keber, Trustee
Susan Vorphal, Trustee
John Aldred, Trustee