

Mt. Harris Wind, LLC

A Maine Company

To: Residents of Dixmont

January 20, 2009

As you may be aware, a little over a year ago, Mt. Harris Wind installed an anemometer near the top of Mt. Harris to determine whether wind conditions on the ridge are sufficient to support the development, of wind turbines. Two months ago, we installed a second anemometer near the top of Common Hill in Jackson for the same purpose. We have been pleased with the readings taken at both locations and have signed leases with a number of landowners in Dixmont, Jackson and Thorndike to develop wind turbines on their properties. We thought that this might be a good time to introduce ourselves to you and to describe our intentions over the next year.

Who Are We?

Mt. Harris Wind, LLC is a Maine company owned by Maine residents and started for the purpose of developing a wind project along the ridge from Thorndike through Jackson and into Dixmont. Mark Isaacson, Andrew Price and Richard Silkman are the principals of Mt. Harris Wind, LLC. We are also the developers of the Beaver Ridge Wind Project in the nearby town of Freedom. We started work on the three turbine Beaver Ride Wind Project in November 2004. In November 2007 we teamed up with Patriot Renewables, an affiliate of Jay Cashman, Inc. The Beaver Ridge Wind project started producing clean renewable electricity on November 2nd 2008 and became the second operational wind farm in Maine. At peak output the Beaver Ridge Wind project produces 4,500 kilowatts of power. In our first two months of operation we generated more electricity than is used annually by 400 average Maine homes. Together with Patriot Renewables we continue to own and operate the Beaver Ridge Wind Project.

We have heard that there is some confusion about wind development in Dixmont, so we believe it is also important to tell you also who we are not. We are not Central Maine Power Company (CMP), which is proposing to upgrade its transmission lines in Dixmont. Our project has nothing to do with what CMP has proposed. We are also not Citizens Energy, a Boston energy company run by Joseph Kennedy. We understand that Citizens Energy is also interested in developing wind turbines in Dixmont and neighboring towns.

Why Is Wind Good for Dixmont and for Maine?

The benefits of wind power cannot be disputed. The State of Maine recently issued a report calling for the development of 2 million kilowatts of wind power in the State by 2015 and at least 3 million kilowatts by 2020. The US Department of Energy released a report on May 12th of 2008 saying that it was feasible to produce 20% of our nation's electricity from wind power by 2030 and that this would prevent 1 billion tons of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere annually as well as significant reductions in mercury, acid rain and other toxins.

We believe that generating electricity from wind is good for the Town of Dixmont and for the State of Maine for five principal reasons.

1. **Tax Relief.** Wind turbine development could increase Dixmont's property tax base by as much as 100% and therefore cut property taxes in half for all residents and businesses in Dixmont. During these tough economic times, when the State is reducing its aid to towns and school districts, property tax relief is especially important for keeping our neighbors in their homes and helping them make ends meet.
2. **Open Space.** Wind farms preserve open space by using only about 1% of the land where they are constructed and can be especially helpful to landowners that wish to preserve their land but also need revenues from that land. Too often landowners are forced to subdivide their farm fields and working forests into small housing lots. The Beaver Ridge Wind Project, for example, will ensure that the fields on Beaver Ridge remain open and productive farmland.
3. **Local Services.** Wind turbines require no additional Town or School District services. Unlike residential development, which often imposes higher costs on the Town than the property taxes generated from the development, wind turbines impose very minimal demands for community services, such as education, recreation, police, fire protection or other municipal services.
4. **Independence & Security.** The State of Maine and the Federal Government have each established enhancing energy independence and lowering reliance on imported oil as cornerstones of energy policy. Wind power accomplishes both objectives by reducing our demand for foreign sources of energy and can lower energy costs to all Mainers. Isn't it time we started producing more of our energy locally and in a more sustainable fashion?
5. **Environment.** Wind Turbines produce pollution free electricity and are among the most efficient of all power generation technologies. It takes only a few months for a wind turbine to recover all of the energy involved in its manufacture, construction and ongoing operation. Each kilowatt-hour of energy produced by a wind turbine in Maine directly improves air quality in the region by reducing levels of carbon dioxide, nitrous oxides, sulfur dioxides, mercury and particulate matter. Despite the fact that wind farms are often referred to as "industrial" projects due to the large size of the wind turbines –

a wind power project brings no toxic or hazardous materials into the community like most industries.

What Is Our Schedule?

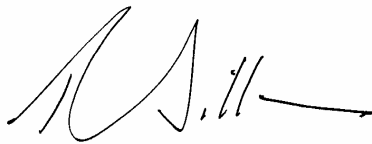
We plan to file an application for a Site Location of Development permit with Maine's Department of Environmental Protection in the first half of this year. At the same time, we will file for building permits in Dixmont, Jackson and Thorndike. Assuming we receive our permits in a timely fashion, we plan to do some preliminary site work in late 2009 and begin construction during the summer of 2010. Our target date is to have the turbines operating by the end of 2010.

We understand that the Town is scheduling a Town Meeting for late January to consider whether to enact a 180 day moratorium regarding wind development. Please be assured that we will take no action with respect to our project prior to that date. If the moratorium passes, we will work with your Planning Board to develop building ordinances that ensure that wind development is consistent with the interests of the Town of Dixmont.

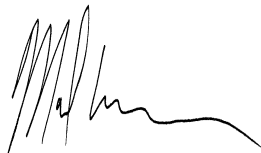
We encourage you to find out as much as you can about wind turbines and their compatibility with local communities. We have put information related to our project on our web site at www.competitive-energy.com/mt.harris. We will keep this up-to-date, so you can track the status of our project. In addition, you can find out much more about wind power at www.awea.org.

We are very excited about our wind project in Dixmont and the benefits that wind power will bring to town residents as well as the State of Maine and our country. Dixmont is poised to be a proud leader; demonstrating to other small communities that renewable energy projects can greatly reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and slow the enormous transfer of money out of the U.S. to the oil rich countries of the world. We hope that you will welcome us into your Town and we look forward to being good neighbors.

Sincerely,



Richard Silkman



Mark Isaacson



Andrew Price