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July 15, 2016

RE: Substantive Review, Milton Township
Petition to Remove Milton from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development
Second Procedural Order

Dear Interested Persons:

The Land Use Planning Commission has completed the second procedural order for the substantive review of the petition to remove Milton Township from the expedited permitting area for wind energy development. A copy of the procedural order is attached. An electronic copy will also be posted on our website. We have added a webpage specific to the substantive review process for Milton Township. You can access the webpage using the following address:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wind_expedited_area/windexpedited_miltontwp_substantivereview.html

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached during normal business hours, at phone number 207-941-4593 and by e-mail at stacie.r.beyer@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Stacie Beyer
Land Use Planning Commission
Chief Planner



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Memorandum and Order

Second Procedural Order

**In the Matter of the
Substantive Review of the Petition to Remove Milton Township
from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development**

Hearing Location and Schedule

July 15, 2016

Background

In accordance with “*An Act To Improve Regulatory Consistency within the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission*,” [Public Law 2015, Ch. 265] (effective January 1, 2016), on January 8, 2016, a petition to remove Milton Township, located in Oxford County, ME, from the expedited area for permitting of wind energy development was submitted to the Land Use Planning Commission (“the Commission”). On February 29, 2016, a request for a substantive review of the petition was submitted to the Commission. Substantive review involves consideration of two statutory criteria, both of which must be met during the substantive review process to remove a place from the expedited area.

Criterion A. The proposed removal will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the State’s ability to meet the state goals for wind energy development in [Title 35-A] section 3404, subsection 2, paragraph C.

Criterion B. The proposed removal is consistent with the principal values and the goals in the comprehensive land use plan adopted by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to Title 12, section 685-C.

As determined by the Commission on March 9, 2016, the substantive review process also includes holding a public hearing. On May 18, 2016, the “*First Procedural Order in the Matter of the Substantive Review of the Petition to Remove Milton Township from the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development*” was issued by the Commission, establishing the pre-hearing submission deadline of June 29, 2016, and the date for the public hearing as August 10, 2016. Oral testimony may be presented at the public hearing and/or written comments submitted to the file. The final date for submittal of public comments is

August 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM, and rebuttal of comments may be submitted until August 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM. The record will close on August 29, 2016.

The petition, request for substantive review, and additional information related to the removal of Milton Township from the expedited area may be found on the Commission's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wind_expedited_area/windexpedited_miltontwp_substantivereview.html

Public Hearing Location and Schedule

This Second Procedural Order provides the public hearing location, time and schedule.

The public hearing for the petition to remove Milton Township from the expedited permitting area will be held after the Commission's regular monthly business meeting on August 10, 2016, at the Bethel Inn Resort, South Dining Hall, 21 Broad St., in Bethel, ME, and will start at 1:00 PM. The schedule for the hearing is as follows:

- 1:00 PM - Opening statements by the Presiding Officer and LUPC staff
- 1:15 to 2:30 - Presentation by the persons requesting the substantive review (Requestors)
- 2:30 to 3:45 - Presentation by the petition Circulators
- 3:45 to 4:45 - Public testimony
- 4:45 to 5:30 - Break
- 5:30 PM - Opening statement for the evening session
- 5:45 - Resume public testimony
- Closing statement by the Presiding Officer

Public Hearing Rules and Procedures

A public hearing convened by the Commission regarding the removal of a specified area from the Expedited Area for Wind Energy Development is subject to the Commission's Chapter 5 '*Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings*' as applicable to public hearings on rulemaking, except as provided in Title 35-A, Section 3454-A.

During the hearing, interested persons and members of the public offering testimony may be asked questions by the Commission and staff. Interested persons, including the Circulators and Requestors, may not cross-examine the public or each other, but may ask for clarification through the Presiding Officer.

In addition, the Presiding Officer may limit the length of any interested person or member of the public's testimony in order to expedite the hearing, and eliminate redundant or irrelevant testimony.

Commission Decision

The Commission will deliberate and make a determination on this proposed rulemaking at a subsequent business meeting following the close of the record. The agenda for the meeting and the staff memo for the deliberation may be viewed on the Commission's web site when it becomes available 5 to 7 days before the Commission meeting

at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wind_expedited_area/wind_expedited.shtml.

All information, and written comments or rebuttal relating to this matter may be directed to Stacie Beyer, Chief Planner, by mail or email.

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Questions or requests to be added to the notice list for this petition may also be directed to Stacie Beyer by phone at (207) 941-4593.

This memorandum and order is issued by the Presiding Officer pursuant to the Commission's Chapter 5 Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings.

DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS 15th DAY OF July, 2016

By:



Everett Worcester, Presiding Officer