

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

To the Town Board:

As you know, the WCAC strongly supports alternative energy and the Town's 100% renewable energy goals. As such, the Committee has never taken a stand against the proposal for the South Fork Wind Farm although it has repeatedly requested that the proper environmental reviews be undertaken before the Town grants any "on shore" easement to the developer ... be that landing Beach Lane in Wainscott or some other landing site.

With the publication of both the Article VII application made to the NYS Public Service Commission (September 2018) and the revised Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submitted to BOEM (September 2018), important details about the project have come to light that have caused grave concerns among residents and property owners in Wainscott. Members of the public have attended the monthly WCAC meetings in significant numbers and there is a general feeling the developer has not been straightforward about the scale of the project and its impacts on Beach Lane and throughout the local community. Among the many concerns are:

- changes to the agreement between Deepwater Wind and LIPA that will allow an increased amount of power -- 130 megawatts instead of 90 -- to travel through Wainscott to the Buell Lane substation.
- the very large size of the transition vault at the end of Beach Lane (35'L x 10'H x 10'W) and the large number (20) and size of the cable vaults (26'L x 9'W x 10'D) buried 2-4' below the surface of the right-of-way along Beach Lane, Main Street, Sayre's Path, and Wainscott Northwest Road at 1,000-1,500' intervals.
Representatives from Deepwater Wind glossed over these this information in all their early meetings with Wainscott stakeholders.

- the possibility that an easement allowing the cable landing at Beach Lane could be granted without the Article VII review -- or any other environmental review -- being completed.
- the lack of convincing scientifically-based studies easing concerns with regard to beach erosion, cable damage and/or exposure, and EMFs.
- the possibility that the Beach Lane landing would be used to bring additional power on shore generated by a future wind farm project.

To date, 99 public comments have been posted with the Public Service Commission.

With only one or two exception, these express the objections that people have to the Beach Lane landing. Read these letters. They represent the views of a great variety of Wainscott residents. In addition, a petition objecting to the Beach Land landing has been signed by over 1,000 residents, property owners, local business owners and renters.

It is evident in Exhibit 3 of the Public Service Commission filing, "South Fork Export Cable Landing Site Alternatives," that there are numerous advantages to using the Hither Hills site. As a Town appointed body representing the people of Wainscott, the WCAC requests that the Town not grant an easement to Deepwater Wind to come on shore at Beach Lane. This request represents the large majority of the WCAC and Wainscott residents, although there is a minority view as well. Denial of the developer's request for an easement at Beach Lane does not prevent East Hampton from adding wind power to its sources of alternative energy since Hither Hills State Park has been identified as a viable alternative landing site. However, this denial will save the larger Wainscott community from environmental disturbances and disruptions listed above.

Respectfully,

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