

Notes from the February 12th, 2006 meeting
Octagon Barn, Knox, NY
7 pm

I: Survey

- Revised Survey was presented for review
- Results of preliminary survey was discussed
- Distribution of survey was discussed: where and when?

II: Site prospecting

1-Report was revisited (from the January meeting at the Hyuck Preserve in Rensselaerville)

2-Discussion comments noted:

a)No legal roadblock to community ownership

b)Access to land/permission -what does “community owned “ imply... was discussed.

3-Site specific comments:

Western Knox –

- Pokorny's?

South-central Knox –

- scale on maps (grid)

Central Berne –

- populated?
- grid issues

Eastern Berne –

- towers of opportunity?
- use western end of area
- E. Berne – New Scotland
- escarpment

Berne – Renss -

- houses
- Wood Road, Peasley Road – interested landowners
- use R.O.W. (for current high voltage lines) for wind farm transmission
- Pond Hill - comm. Tower for met + ATT tower

Renss- Westerlo –

- interested landowners

4-Next steps

- sign up landowners
- apply for variance
- How to sell?

Questions/ comments -

How can community own it?

How am I going to benefit?

Town taxes aren't burdensome, school taxes are (see below*)

How can small towns become generators?

Do they really want to?

Operation and maintenance for turbines?

Debt? (scary)

Risk? (scary)

How will benefits be distributed?

Cost/benefit analysis

What would the IRR be?

What is Town budget relative to the projected net revenues?

Stakeholder concerns?

Could B-K-W School District own?*

Is there more money from NYSERDA available?

Financing

Ceiling on municipal debt?

Determined by Town property value

Presentation to School Board

Next Meeting: 03/12/06 - 7 pm - Berne Reformed Church