

**PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN HALL
TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
9543 Center Road
Fredonia, NY 14063
December 8, 2015
11:00 a.m.**

ARKWRIGHT SUMMIT WIND FARM, LLC

Attendance:

Kristine Morabito, CCIDA Business Development Manager and Hearing Officer

Frederic P. Norton, Arkwright Town Supervisor

Dennis Wilson, Arkwright

Steve Mead, Town of Arkwright

Dave Ivett

Rex Butcher, Pine Valley School

Bruce Roll

Meaghan Matuszak, Forestville, School

Scott Payne, Pine Valley School

Deanna Scheltons, Pine Valley School

Greg Fox, Observer

Douglas Crowell, Town of Arkwright

James Wilmoth, Fredonia

Ken Mantai, Arkwright

Chris Connor, Arkwright

William Evans III, CCIDA Counsel

HEARING OFFICER: Good morning. My name is Kristine Morabito and I am the Business Development Manager for the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (hereafter, the "Agency") and I have been directed by the members of the Agency to hold a public hearing. Today is Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and the time is now 11:00am. We are at the Town of Arkwright Board Room, 9543 Center Road, Fredonia, NY 14063.

This is a public hearing pursuant to section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended. The Agency has received an application for financial assistance in connection with the following matter:

Arkwright Summit Wind Farm LLC, a limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 36 parcels of land located in the towns of Arkwright and Pomfret, County of Chautauqua, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction of: (i) up to 36 wind turbines with a maximum capacity of 79.8 megawatts, (ii) up to two permanent meteorological towers, (iii) a buried and overhead electrical collection system, (iv) an operation and maintenance building, (v) a project substation, and (vi) an interconnection substation facility on the Land (collectively, the "Building"), and a system of gravel access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (together with the Building, collectively, the "Facility"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as a wind-powered electric generating facility (collectively, the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (but not including special assessments and ad valorem levies) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency.

Notice of this public hearing was published in the *Observer* on November 27, 2015 and mailed to the Chief Executive Officer of each affected tax jurisdiction on November 25, 2015.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the Project.

Is there anyone wishing to be heard with respect to the Project?

HEARING OFFICER: Yes, Sir, and again I'll walk over. I'm not sure if all of you heard me, but I'd like to walk over to you as you speak so we can identify you and then also collect your comments.

KEN MANTAI: My name is Ken Mantai, Arkwright.

HEARING OFFICER: Ken Mantai?

KEN MANTAI: Mantai. M-A-N-T-A-I.

HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

KEN MANTAI: Why do they want financial assistance?

HEARING OFFICER: This is an opportunity for me to collect comments from you. There is an application available at our agency but it's not a question and answer session. So if you'd like to frame it in terms of what you are trying to get it, that would be my suggestion.

KEN MANTAI: So this is going to take tax payer money.

HEARING OFFICER: Okay, thank you for your comment.

HEARING OFFICER: Is there anyone else wishing to be heard?

HEARING OFFICER: Boy yesterday I couldn't keep up with the comments.

HEARING OFFICER: Okay, we'll give it a moment.

(Indecipherable comments)

HEARING OFFICER: Would you like me to record any comments related to that?

FREDERIC NORTON: You're talking to a lawyer. I don't like to make public comments.

HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

(Laughter)

FREDERIC NORTON: We have negotiated a (indecipherable) -year host agreement and we will receive taxes.

HEARING OFFICER: Thank you for your comments.

HEARING OFFICER: Is there anyone else wishing to be heard with respect to the project?

KEN MANTAI: Can't ask questions and answers?

HEARING OFFICER: It's not a question and answer session, it's different than an Applicant's public hearing. This is an opportunity for you to present your comments, which I then transcribe and relate to our Board as they contemplate the application for financial assistance.

HEARING OFFICER: Yes?

BRUCE ROLL: I have a comment. My name is Bruce Roll and I have a comment. There was an indication that the power generated by the Dunkirk plant was not needed, and I'm wondering, if that was the case, why was this project proposed?

HEARING OFFICER: Thank you for your comment.

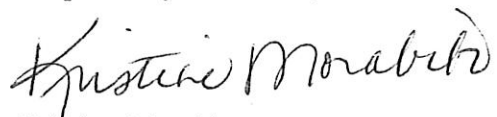
HEARING OFFICER: I find that if a wait a few minutes more members tend to speak. Is there anyone else wishing to make a comment with regard to the public hearing?

HEARING OFFICER: Okay, last chance.

HEARING OFFICER: Well then, on behalf of the Agency, I would like to thank the members of the public for attending this public hearing and for their comments with respect to the Project. It is now 11:09 and I now call this hearing to a close. Thank you.

(TIME NOTED: 11:09 a.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristine Morabito". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Kristine Morabito

CCIDA Project Manager