

PORTSMOUTH WIND POWER SURVEY

July 2007

1. Have you seen a modern wind turbine up close? (i.e., within several hundred feet (like from the Portsmouth Abbey parking lot))

yes (go to question 2), no (go to question 4)

2. The sound of the turbine was:

very pleasant, pleasant, neither pleasant nor unpleasant, unpleasant, very unpleasant

3. The visual appearance of the turbine was:

very beautiful, beautiful, neither beautiful nor ugly, ugly, very ugly

4. What is your opinion of wind power as something that helps the environment?

helps a lot, helps, neither helps nor hurts, hurts, hurts a lot

5. Rate the following types of energy as being a good investment for the **country** for future energy needs. (5-very good investment, 4-good investment, 3-neither good nor bad, 2-bad investment, 1-very bad investment, 0-don't know)

Nuclear Power, Coal Power, Oil-Fired Plants, Gas-Fired Plants, Solar Power, Hydro Power, Wave/Tidal Current Power, Wind Power, Biomass (plant material or animal waste used as fuel)

6. Rate the following types of energy as being a good potential investment for the **Town** for future energy needs. (5-very good investment, 4-good investment, 3-neither good nor bad, 2-bad investment, 1-very bad investment, 0-don't know)

Solar Power, Hydro Power, Wave/Tidal current Power, Wind Power, Biomass

7. Do you generally support the Town pursuing wind power?

I strongly support, I support, I am neutral, I am against, I am strongly against

8. Do you support or oppose the construction of a wind turbine at the following locations? (5-strongly support, 4-support, 3-neutral, 2-oppose, 1-strongly oppose)

Middle School, High School, Melville Tank Farms.
Turkey Hill (behind transfer station on Highpoint Avenue)

9. I think that wind turbines are:

very beautiful, beautiful, neither beautiful nor ugly, ugly, very ugly

10. How strongly do you feel that you have enough information to make an informed decision about whether or not to build wind turbines at the High School and/or Middle School.

I am very informed, I am informed, I am somewhat uninformed, I am very uninformed

11. Assuming that the money in electric bill savings returned to the town treasury was estimated to be more than the cost of the bond payment each year, if I had to vote today on whether or not to support the Town investing in building wind turbines at the High School and/or Middle School **using zero-interest bonds**, I would vote: Yes, No

12. Assuming that the money in electric bill savings returned to the town treasury was estimated to be more than the cost of the bond payment each year, if I had to vote today on whether or not to support the Town investing in building wind turbines at the High School and/or Middle School **using bonds with interest at the market rate**, I would vote: Yes, No.

Comments: (continue on reverse side): _____

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Optional Information

Age: under 20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, Over 60

Male, Female

I have lived in Portsmouth for: less than a year, 1 year to five years, 5-10 years, 10-20 years, more than 20 years.

I am, am not registered to vote in Portsmouth.

I am likely, not likely to vote in a Portsmouth special referendum election this year.

Annual Household Income: under \$30,000, \$30,001 to \$60,000, \$60,001-\$70,000, Over \$70,000

What is your profession? (If retired, note "retired" and your profession before retirement)

Please mail this survey back or deliver it to the Economic Development Committee Mailbox in the Town Clerk's Office

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