

OVA welcomes you to its community input session
with Avangrid on
Commonwealth Wind Proposal Preferences

OVA Annual Meeting
September 6, 2022

Objectives for tonight's meeting

after brief Avangrid update

- Convey to Avangrid community questions and sentiments
 - Hear how Avangrid will incorporate the Osterville Business & Professional Association's position
 - Hear Avangrid initial replies to community questions and sentiments

- Convey to Avangrid request for more public, visible process than used for prior projects
 - Hear Avangrid initial replies to interest in greater public visibility into discussions, draft agreements, and decisions before anything is authorized, signed, announced or finalized

- Identify next steps for community engagement and community feedback opportunities on landing, routes and any negotiation that may follow

We hope you find the background information and questions that follow helpful.
If we got anything wrong, or left anything out, we welcome correction.

BACKGROUND on Avangrid Assessment of Dowses



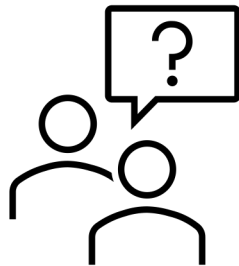
Avangrid put Dowses on its 2020 “*Less Preferable*” landing site list with 19 other locations

- ❑ “...due to potential impacts to environmental resources or poor egress (i.e., potentially inadequate road width, or routing through densely developed business districts or year-around residential areas).”



Avangrid kept Dowses off its “*Promising*” landing list with 12 *other* promising landings

- ❑ Dowses has “less favorable egress,” “may require a bridge crossing”.



Now, Avangrid says Dowses is the “best” landing.
Yet, the facts of Dowses are unchanged

BACKGROUND On Business Districts

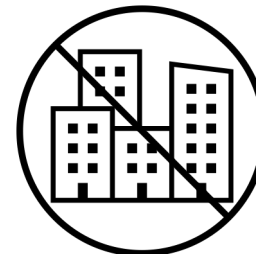
OBPA on Commonwealth Wind

The Osterville Business & Professional Association says

- ✓ The project should not land at Dowses, and
- ✓ If it does, the on-land route should not be through the business district

How about other business districts?

- ✓ Avangrid avoided landing a project in another Barnstable village business district
- ✓ Avangrid led its explanation of why it rejected landing at Kalmus Beach with concerns about business district impact:



“First, an onshore route would have passed directly through downtown Hyannis, affecting many businesses in a high-traffic area.”

Substantive community concerns pending Avangrid responsiveness

- ✓ Impact on Osterville merchants
- ✓ Ability to get to businesses, restaurants, banks, post office, library
- ✓ Not disrupting the scenic and fragile Dowses causeway
- ✓ Untested health risks of 1st-time electric power infrastructure under a public beach, where families swim, kids dig in the sand
- ✓ Town support for a relatively small amount of money annually over 20 years (other Avangrid projects' annual payments represent a fraction of 1% of the 2023 town operating budget) without knowing the actual health, safety, environmental, business disruption, and other costs it would impose
- ✓ No commitment to lowered electric bills for locals
- ✓ The company not buying *private* land for its landing to keep risks and disturbances away from our public beach
- ✓ Lack of a planned approach to land all the projects in one place that has robust on-shore transmission infrastructure (closer to Boston where the system can handle it), to avoid environmental disruption to Cape Cod and higher costs for all over the long term
- ✓ Blocking access to the handicapped accessible pier

Process Matters

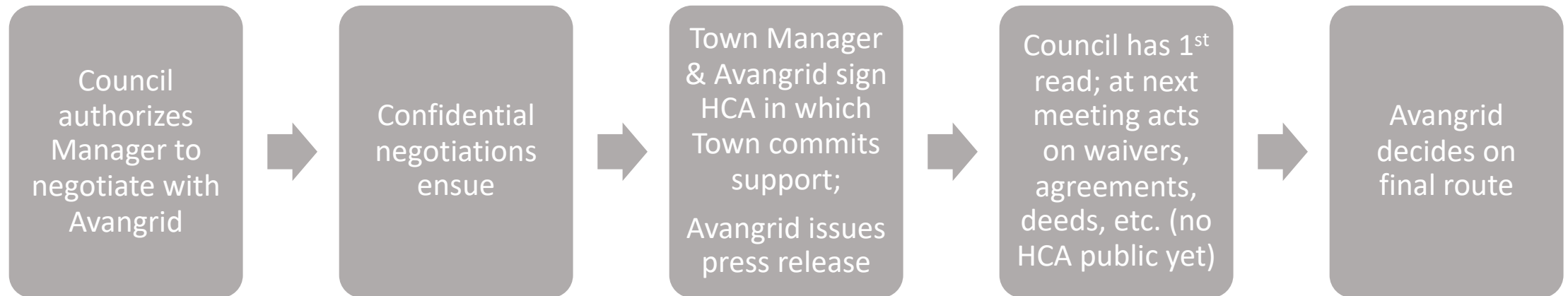
Let's focus on the actions that will produce outcomes

The prior confidential processes do not seem to be required by law.
It's just what the town and company chose.
The process for Commonwealth Wind can and should be better.

Example: Host Community Agreement Process for Project 2, Connecticut's Park City Wind through Centerville

Town Manager commits by contract to support the project publicly before government bodies; happens before final route is known and before public sees draft or final HCA

Council grants company approvals, deeds, etc. without knowing final route; draft HCA not provided to public for comment; final not posted on Town or company websites



Avangrid press release says HCA entered, is key milestone, will be filed with state EFSB, reflects strong community support before final route is known to public, or HCA made available to public



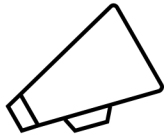
Initial process questions on Avangrid's desired landing, routing

- ✓ How will Avangrid account for the OBPA's opposition to landing at Dowses and routing through the business district?
- ✓ Will Avangrid agree to conversations with the Town AND residents and businesses about Avangrid's proposed landing and routing and alternatives - before any Community Host Agreement negotiations - as other towns have done with developers?
- ✓ On a prior project, Avangrid said it "held initial discussions with local officials in the Town of Barnstable to discuss potential landfall sites and likely onshore routes. In this manner, specific guidance from town officials with respect to route selection was considered." (Avangrid EFSB filing p. 4-10). The Town Manager has since said he's very concerned about talking to Avangrid about routes outside of confidential negotiations (OVA August meeting).
 - ✓ **Will Avangrid agree to initial informal discussions with local officials on landing and routes? Will it agree to do that in a way that is visible to the community this time?**
- ✓ How, when and where will Avangrid respond to community feedback on landing and route alternatives and selection *before* finalizing any approvals or agreements?
- ✓ How about the idea raised at the August meeting of landing power lines in a different orderly way closer to Boston?
- ✓ How will Avangrid comply with the Town Code provision prohibiting private entities from obstructing access to public waterways?

BACKGROUND on what is a *Host Community Agreement* and why Avangrid wants one with Barnstable

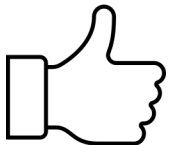


Avangrid seeks community support in the form of a *Host Community Agreement*



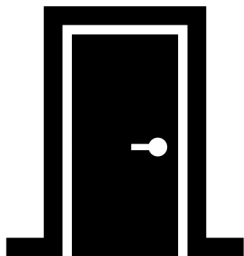
Host Community Agreements matter. When the Town signs one, Avangrid

- ❑ Reports it to its investors and sends it to MA Energy Facilities Siting Board

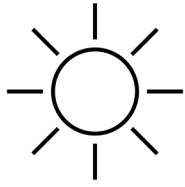


Avangrid press release says *Host Community Agreement* with a prior project was a

- ❑ “*reflection of the strong community support ...*” and a “*key milestone*”



Although, in prior process, HCA negotiations confidential; draft HCA not available for public comment; HCA terms not publicly available until after final; neither draft nor final HCA on town or company websites; final route still TBD when HCA signed, approved by Council and sent to EFSB



Will Avangrid agree to a more public and visible process?

(we'll ask the Town for its view on October 4th, too)

- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to make known to the community a final landing spot and route **before** it enters any potential Host Community Agreement negotiation?
- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to make conversations about any future Host Community Agreement **visible to the community**, since Avangrid later says such agreements reflect "strong community support"?
- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to provide residents and businesses **a chance to comment on a proposed draft agreement**?
- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to explain how it **assesses and values adverse impacts** on citizens' and businesses' comfort, convenience, social and economic security after final landing and route identification and before signing any agreement?
- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to explain how local residents and businesses will be **fully compensated for the risk and disruption** of this project, while Avangrid says it has sent Commonwealth Wind's "significant long-term jobs and economic development benefits" to communities off-Cape?
- ✓ Does Avangrid agree to **wait to ask the Town to commit to publicly supporting zoning exemptions and local government approvals Avangrid needs until after final route selection is discussed with the community**?

BACKGROUND on payment levels in *Host Community Agreements*

So far, Avangrid payments to Town in *Host Community Agreements* are the same despite projects' different investment, jobs and economic development benefits and different adverse local community impacts. Payment levels are also final *before* final route identified



- ❑ Project 1 Vineyard for MA - Payment equivalent to a fraction of 1% of Town's 2023 operating budget each year for 20 years
- ❑ Project 2 Park City for CT - Same payment for project Avangrid says will "*lead to upwards of \$890 million in investment and economic development opportunities, and provide energy cost savings to Connecticut ratepayers*"
- ❑ TBD on Project 3 Commonwealth for MA - Avangrid said in press release that it sent the "*significant long-term jobs and economic development benefits*" of Commonwealth Wind to off-Cape communities, and company proposes to route through a busy business district and year-round residential areas

BACKGROUND on who approves the landing & route?

The Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board



- Avangrid has not yet sought its approval
- When it does, Avangrid submits the *Host Community Agreement* and says it expresses local community support



- Citizens can send in comments to the EFSB



- Residents and businesses can also participate more actively
 - Individually or in groups; there have been expressions of interest in intervening as a group since it generally requires a lawyer
- “Intervenors” can ask questions, give facts & views

Thank you for being here. Please stay engaged.

Drop questions or comments in the Question Box or
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