

**The View on Power Lines into Dowses  
and through the Village**

**Avangrid to State:  
Commonwealth Wind "No Longer Viable"**

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**Osterville Survey Respondents  
Do Not Want Avangrid's Power Lines  
Landing at Dowses Beach**

*October 24, 2022* - An overwhelming majority of Osterville respondents to a survey that asked whether they support Avangrid landing its high voltage transmission lines at Dowses Beach said No. If the power lines were to land at Dowses, they should not be routed through Avangrid's preferred route, up Main Street and through the Business District, they said.

The Osterville Village Association (OVA) solicited views on two questions through an electronic survey and at the Osterville Library. This followed Town Manager Mark Ells telling the OVA on October 4, 2022 that time was short. He reported that the Avangrid proposal project was moving through permitting, and comments were due to a state office on Avangrid's Environmental Notification Statement by the end of October. (That date has since been extended to November 27, 2022.) The OVA decided to seek a sense of the community to share with officials quickly. This was in part due to Avangrid's expressing, in various forums, that there was strong community support for its prior projects.

The OVA created two options for responding: on-line or at the Osterville Library. The OVA appreciates the Osterville Library's hospitality, and for sharing word about the opportunity on social media.

The OVA survey questions were simple, and agenda-free:

- 1) Should Avangrid land its high voltage power lines at Dowses Beach?
- 2) If Avangrid does land its power line at Dowses Beach, should it be routed up Main Street, through the Business District or up Old Mill Road?

Two hundred and two (202) respondents said No, Avangrid should not land its power lines at Dowses. Twenty (20) said Yes.

If Avangrid did land its power lines at Dowses, one hundred and fifty-eight (158) respondents said the lines should run up Old Mill Road. Twenty-nine (29) said up Main Street, and thirty-four (34) chose not to answer that second question. There was one write-in route proposal.

A few observations.

- The OVA is not a professional pollster. It understands surveys can be designed to achieve desired ends. The OVA asked plain questions in a straightforward way.
- The questions were not a referendum on ancillary issues, such as, for example, personal views on clean power.
- The level of respondents - several hundred - gives a sense of the community, particularly given the clear shared point of view. (The number of respondents exceeded, for example, the number of respondents to the town's on-line survey of views about its form-based zoning proposal, 140).
- Residents should communicate their points of view about the Avangrid project directly to decision-making authorities on an ongoing basis.

The OVA appreciates the engagement.

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Commonwealth Wind is "no longer viable"**

*October 24, 2022* - On October 21, 2022, Avangrid asked the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to suspend its review of the Commonwealth Wind power purchase agreement (PPA).

"An immediate suspension is crucial because, under the current PPAs, the Project is no longer viable and would not be able to move forward", Avangrid said. The suspension would give Avangrid and others a chance to "...potentially agree upon changes to the PPAs, along with other measures, that could allow the Project to return to viability". The purpose of the PPA is to "facilitate the financing of offshore wind energy generation resources," Avangrid explains.

Read Avangrid's request to suspend review [here](#).

This comes on the heels of Commonwealth Wind's ultimate parent, Iberdrola (Commonwealth Wind, LLC, is a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC, which is a subsidiary of Avangrid, Inc, which is a subsidiary of Iberdrola S.A.) telling the investment community it does not have the resources to proceed, seeks partners for Park City and Commonwealth, needs new contracts for both projects, and is exploring new turbines to improve the projects' business case. Read the highlighted transcript [here](#) in highlight.