

Maine Wind & Ocean News Wrap up for Feb-March 2014

Maine wind project wins support of conservation groups

The proposed Bingham wind power project in Somerset and Piscataquis counties won the support of Appalachian Trail conservation groups after a subsidiary of the company proposing the project created a \$700,000 land conservation fund.

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http://www.pressherald.com/news/Wind_project_wins_support_of_conservation_groups_.html^[1]

Cianbro, others push for renewal of offshore wind power tax credits

WASHINGTON ? Businesses working to launch the first offshore wind energy facilities in U.S. waters urged Congress on Monday to renew tax credits they said are ?absolutely critical? to kick-starting an industry that could bring significant numbers of jobs to Maine and other coastal states.

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http://www.pressherald.com/news/Cianbro_others_push_for_renewal_of_offshore_wind_power_tax_credits

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Wind project generates cash for on Maine town

First Wind said Tuesday that it has paid the town of Oakfield \$600,000 as part of an agreement to build its wind power project there. The payment is the first of many that will be used to provide tax relief to area residents.

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http://bostonherald.com/business/business_markets/2014/03/wind_project_generates_cash_for_on_maine_town

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Town Meeting Shows Boost In Support For Vermont Wind Farm

Green Mountain Power notes that a recent Town Meeting vote in Lowell, Vt., showed increased support for its 63 MW Kingdom Community Wind plant, which began operating in 2012.

According to the company, 80% of the residents at the meeting favored the wind farm - 5% higher than when the town took its first vote on the project in 2010.

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http://www.nawindpower.com/naw/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.12684^[4]

Need for energy projects spurred defeat of N.H. moratorium bill

The New Hampshire House's vote last week to reject the moratorium on wind projects and transmission lines was not a result of partisan politics, lawmakers say. Rep. Robert Backus, a Democrat, said the

Jeanie Forrester, a Republican, said that lawmakers appeared to vote based on geography, with those in the areas with more wind-energy activity favoring the moratorium.

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<http://www.unionleader.com/article/20140203/NEWS06/140209842/1007/news05>^[5]

NH Advocate touts offshore wind energy bill

House Bill 1312, sponsored by Hampton Democrat Renny Cushing, seeks to establish a committee to study offshore wind energy development comprising three members of the House and three members of the Senate. Cushing said he hopes the formation of this committee would be a way to get the stakeholders together to see if the state could benefit from capturing wind energy at sea.

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<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20140201-NEWS-402010311>^[6]

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