



## The Town of Fenwick Island

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October 29, 2019

Secretary Shawn Garvin  
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Proposed Improvements to Fenwick Island State Park/Ørsted Transmission Connection

Dear Secretary Garvin:

We are writing to provide feedback regarding the proposed improvements to the Fenwick Island State Park which lies adjacent to our corporate boundaries.

On October 2, 2019, a workshop was held by the Division of Parks and Recreation for local input regarding the proposed improvements. The workshop was held at Fenwick Island Town Hall and provided a first look at the project.

The attendance at this event was overwhelming and it was very difficult to have meaningful exchanges and gather information. Since that time, no one from DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation has contacted the Town of Fenwick Island to follow-up and address concerns. Yet our Town Hall has been inundated with calls and letters regarding concerns over the proposed plans.

Concerns from citizens range from environmental, health, transportation, pedestrian safety, appearance and DNREC's disregard for public input and open government. Residents claim that when they have contacted DNREC, they have not received any response. On Friday, October 25, 2019, at a Fenwick Island Town Council meeting, residents voiced their concerns. We are attaching those comments for your review along with several letters we have received.

Our property owners are seeking answers to their questions. They want to know what benefit the windfarm project will be to Delaware. They are concerned about the environmental impact of the electric transmission lines. They question how the traffic will be handled and they are concerned for pedestrian safety. Residents want to know the impact to the environment; safety; the bay; drainage; and the quality of life in a small beach community. We believe they are entitled to hear a response from DNREC and Ørsted.

We are requesting that DNREC and Ørsted host a public meeting in the next six weeks to answer these questions and other concerns. Please advise.

Sincerely,



Eugene Langan  
Mayor



Teresa Tieman  
Town Manager

cc: Governor John Carney  
Speaker Pete Schwartzkopf  
Senator Gerald Hocker  
Representative Ron Gray  
Sussex County Council Members  
Director Ray Bivens  
Association of Coastal Towns (ACT)  
Town of Fenwick Island Council Member

## **Excerpt from the Draft Minutes of the October 25, 2019 Council Meeting**

### **Public Comments in regards to Delaware State Parks/Ørsted**

Mayor Langan noted that he is disappointed in DNREC & Ørsted for not including the Town in the process, especially since they have been working on plans for over a year. Since the workshop, held earlier in the month, no one from DNREC has contacted the Town. He encouraged both DNREC and Ørsted to have a town meeting at the fire hall to get everyone's opinion. The Town was provided preliminary drawings which were not to scale. Ørsted did contact Mayor Langan and noted that nothing is "cast in stone". He is opposed to the changes since they are too close to Town.

Each Council Member presented their thoughts on the project:

Council Member Houser – everyone on the Council is opposed as to the way the project was presented. He added that the Council will gather information and then make recommendations to DNREC and Ørsted. He has read the DNREC Charter in regards to preserving natural resources. This project is making the area more like an amusement park and does not fit with the DNREC Charter.

Council Member Carmean – she wrote a letter objecting to this project. There is no economic benefit to Delaware and if the changes benefit Maryland, then they should use the Maryland State Park. She added that Fenwick is supposed to be a quiet resort, not an amusement park. She is worried about health hazards and the negative impact on the environment, and our own health due to electromagnetic fields. The wind turbines they want to install are the biggest ever proposed, and per Town Manager Tieman it was mentioned that at another windfarm site, cabling popped out of the water from the turbines. These changes will also bring in additional traffic to an area that already has problems with traffic. People want to go to a natural beach and not an entertainment site. She is also concerned about the wildlife and what will happen to them after the construction is done. She has obtained, through FOIA, a Memo of Understanding, which was signed as a "done deal" back in July. She is strongly opposed and does not like the process they used.

Treasurer Bunting – he feels that not enough information was presented at the workshop. The whole project was done underhanded and in secrecy. When the Governor was approached about the project, he said he is leaving it up to DNREC. He does not see the need for a lot of things that are in the plans. He feels the changes being made will ruin the State park instead of enhancing it.

Secretary Merritt – he is against the project. There is no benefit to the Town or residents. The project was planned without any feedback from the residents. There is no advantage at all to the Town.

Council Member Weistling – he is opposed to the project. He is not opposed to increasing parking but does not feel the amenities are needed. A public hearing should be held so concerns can be answered. Additional information is needed as to the size of the buildings proposed.

Paul Breger, 1707 Bay Street

Mr. Breger noted that he is against the windfarm project since it will change the "Quiet Resort". He hopes that the Town can get together with the Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) to oppose the project. It was very "shady" on how the project was planned, especially with the transmission stations and the health impact.

There are 2 principals that should be considered: (1) no wind farms where people can see them since this will cause Delaware to lose tourism revenue, and (2) don't bring electric cables anywhere that is not a Delmarva Power substation. He hopes the Town can stop this project based on these 2 principals.

Mayor Langan noted that the project is not scheduled to begin until 2021 and the windfarm is scheduled not to be installed until 2022.

Mark Tingle, 1605 Coastal Highway

Mr. Tingle noted that the Town needs to hire professional representation to block this project. He does not understand how DNREC could conduct these secret meetings without notification.

Marlene Quinn, 5 W. Houston Street

Ms. Quinn commended Council Member Carmean on her letter published in Coastal Point. F.I.S.H. sent a letter to DNREC on questions that needed to be answered. Ms. Quinn also volunteers with MERR and she knows the harmful damage from wind farms.

Mayor Langan questioned if anyone from F.I.S.H. has heard back from DNREC. Ms. Quinn responded that she didn't know.

Ron Schimel, 6 E. Georgetown Street

Mr. Schimel commented that on the rendering presented at the workshop and online, the net increase in parking spaces is not shown and the average load per car in season is not noted. There were no elevation drawings presented. DNREC also did not present what screening/buffering would be used to block the view on Lewes Street.

Mr. Schimel also commented that these changes will eliminate any protection to the environment if we have coastal flooding.

On the green roof for the building, Mr. Schimel asked if that would cause damage to our health and safety. It was also not presented on how the transmission lines would be plugged in and what they would look like.

Since the State is getting \$18 million from the installation of the windfarm, Mr. Schimel asked what portion of this money is being allocated to the State Park improvements.

He does not see how this project could positively affect Fenwick Island.

Representative Ron Gray

Council Member Weistling asked Representative Gray if he knew about this project. Representative Gray responded that he was unaware until the end of July, when he met with Ray Bivens and Lauren Weaver. When he received the information, it seemed like something was already decided. He agrees that a larger public meeting is needed where questions can be answered.

Mike Quinn, 5 W. Houston Street

Mr. Quinn noted that the proposed area is controlled by the State, so the Town has no say when it comes down to it. Our Senator should be more involved instead of Fenwick Island. Representative Gray responded that the State Park area does need to be upgraded, especially the parking since the traffic backs up on Route 1, which is a safety issue. Town Manager Tieman commented that along



with the safety issue, the impact to the Town was not taken into consideration, as this project will impact the bay with additional kayaker and will impact the area with more drainage issues.

Mayor Langan noted then when the Town's original Comprehensive Plan was done, one of the objectives was that nothing could be built in the watershed around Fenwick Island without the Town being involved.

Jim Simpson, 1 E. Lewes Street

Mr. Simpson asked if the County is involved with this project. Council Member Carmean responded that she has contacted Sussex County Councilman John Rieley who informed her that the County has no say since it is a State project.

Patti Breger, 1707 Bay Street

Ms. Breger commented that the Friends of Fenwick will be holding a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss information and to try to organize a group to stop this project.

Janet Hess, 24 W. Farmington Street

Ms. Hess noted that Amy Kyle is still collecting information on behalf of F.I.S.H. She will be back in Town on Tuesday. DNREC still has not gotten back to F.I.S.H.

Colleen Wilson, 1801 Coastal Highway

Ms. Wilson commented that this whole process has been non-transparent and objects to the project.

Buzz Henifin, 48 Windward Way

Mr. Henifin commented that some kind of organization is needed to oppose this project. Ms. Wilson added that at the meeting tomorrow she hopes that some kind of group will be organized.

Julie Lee, 703 Bunting Avenue

Ms. Lee noted that with those present at today's meeting, it shows that the Town is clearly making a statement in opposition. She added that she agrees with Mr. Henifin that some kind of organization is needed showing that we are united. Legal representation is also needed.

As for the underground substation for the windfarm, it was not noted at the workshop on where that would be. Mayor Langan added that originally the substation was going under the proposed parking garage, but he is now hearing that it will be located on the bayside.

Anne Hodges, 1303 Bunting Avenue

Ms. Hodges thanked the Town Council for voicing their opinions and allowing residents to speak.

Council Member Houser commented that he spoke to Ray Bivens and asked him for specific plans as to wildlife, flora, parking lot, and visual berms, and has heard nothing back. Council Member Weistling added that he asked where the property line was from our residences and has not heard anything.

Representative Ron Gray

Representative Gray commented that he will work with Senator Hocker on trying to schedule an open forum at the Roxana Fire Station in the next 5-6 weeks. He agrees that it was wrong how DNREC went through with this project and it is not a "done deal".

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**Members of the Fenwick Island Town Council &  
Town Manager Terry Tieman  
Fenwick Island Town Hall  
800 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944**

**Re: Opposition to DNREC/Orsted Proposal**

Dear Council Members and Town Manager Tieman:

After reviewing DNREC's plans to lease more than an acre of the Fenwick Island State Park to the Orsted wind farm project located off the coast of Delaware-Maryland, we want to share our reasons for strongly opposing this proposal:

**1. No Economic Benefits & Job Opportunities** - The Orsted project is designed to provide very expensive electric power for anywhere from 35 thousand to a million homes in Maryland, not Delaware. Furthermore, most of the construction is being done by workers from Europe, not America. Any other meaningful job opportunities will be open to Marylanders, not Delawareans. Who pays for this? Allegedly, the Maryland taxpayer will be lining the investors' pockets.

**2. Rejection by Other Sites** - In response to our question about possibly locating this interconnection facility in Ocean City, Delaware State Parks Director Bivens stated that Ocean City wants nothing to do with this project due to its potential negative impact on the environment and tourism. Assateague Island cannot be used for the same reason. While the National Park section is an environmentally protected area, the Assateague State Park section is not. Why is Maryland refusing to allow Orsted use this part? Furthermore, when asked about locating this interconnection bunker near the Indian River Inlet, Mr. Bivens replied that the Army Corps of Engineers refuses to have anything to do with the interconnection facility or cable near the inlet.

**3. Health Hazards and Adverse Environmental Impact** - The planned wind turbines are the largest ever to be designed. The proposed cable from the wind turbine to the interconnection bunker at the park will run through Delaware waters, under the beach and road over to a large bayside bunker. No analysis has been done for potential impact on humans or the environment. After more than 50 years of reviewing research, the World Health Organization (**WHO**) has concluded that the electro-magnetic fields around power facilities may be carcinogenic, with a statistical augmentation of cancers and leukemias in both children and adults. At this time, science does not know how or why that it occurs, just that statistically it happens. So who wants to test this observation by playing pickleball on top of the bunker or setting up a beach chair above the cable? Theory skeptics need to recall the final verdicts on Thalidomide, Agent Orange, talcum powder, World Trade Center debris, and other "safe" carcinogen/DNA altering materials over the years. In addition, no studies have been conducted to determine what will happen to marine life and water quality when this cable is run from the turbine to its land base. We can already predict that existing wildlife within this beach area will be wiped out with the construction process, and thus the proposed nature center will have to import its exhibits.

**4. Possible Violation of Delaware Law** - We are old enough to remember when the Delaware Coastal Zone Act Program was passed in the 1950's. Its purpose was to *"determine that the coastal areas of Delaware are the most critical areas for the future of the State... In so doing, the State can better protect the natural environment of its bay and coastal area and safeguard their use primarily for recreation and tourism..."* However, a few areas north of Sussex County were set aside for heavy industry. While there is no terminology directly related to wind turbines in the Coastal Zone Act since it was passed before the technology was developed, the Act does ban dumping, transfer of products, heavy industry and manufacturing except in these few designated areas. Thus, it would seem that the Coastal Act should be applied to prohibit wind turbines from sending electric power for over a million people (heavy industry?) to a Delaware public beach.

**5. Unwanted Local Consequences** - Our next objection has to do with the "bait" that is being offered to make the interconnection facility more acceptable, i.e., the 17 or 18 million dollars to lease the land and provide frivolous "amenities." What will this do to a quiet beach and the nearby Town of Fenwick Island which is already struggling with summer traffic congestion?

- More traffic will be funneled through the Town, increasing hazardous conditions for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. The proposed entrance would be right next to local residences and would force south bound traffic into the town in order to make a U-turn to reach the park.
- Inappropriate overdevelopment including pickleball courts, playground equipment, lifeguard dormitory, gift shop, conference center, multi-tiered parking garages and a potentially dangerous overhead pedestrian bridge would create a carnival/theme park atmosphere within what is now a quiet undisturbed beach. Plus, the intense weather conditions will make ongoing upkeep and repairs very expensive. Who will pay for these as the years go by?
- Habitats for land and marine animals would be decimated by the extensive proposed construction plans, which will take years to complete. Flooding will also be more of an issue since all these structures will limit the natural absorption of storm water in a low lying area.

In conclusion, we are strongly opposed to DNREC's plan to run an electric power cable from Maryland's wind farm to a small, environmentally fragile Delaware beach. State officials need to recognize that this is Maryland's project; therefore, Maryland should use its land resources as well as deal with the liabilities! We also feel that there is no comparison between the seasonal leases DNREC has offered to concession stands or kayak companies and this proposed long term lease to a heavy industry wind turbine company. However, if the State decides to offer a site, then one of those industrial-designated areas set aside in the Coastal Zone Act should be considered. Any monies DNREC acquired from this lease could be put to more useful and beneficial purposes, such as the much needed dredging of our waterways. We are hopeful that Delaware's officials will reject or modify the current proposal. We would also like DNREC to follow its own Mission Statement to ensure the "wise management, conservation and enhancement of the State's natural resources."

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'R. Wayne Carmean' and the second, on the right, is 'Vicki Carmean'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. Wayne Carmean

Vicki Carmean

**JOHN H. & MARGARET L. NAWN**

**3 West Farmington ST.**

**Fenwick Island, DE 19944**

**October 20, 2019**

**TO: Gov. John Carney & other DE elected officials, State Government Employees and DE residents.**

**Why is the state of MD planning to offer EMPLOYMENT and ECONOMIC BENEFITS to MD using DE's FRAGILE BARRIER ISLAND?**

**Is this a case of GOLIATH vs. DAVID?**

**COPY: Listed officials (above) and THE WASHINGTON POST**



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October 24, 2019

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Town of Fenwick Island,

Council members;

Town Manager T.Tieman

Dear Mrs. Tieman,

I am opposed to the proposed DNREC/Orsted plans to run a huge cable from the off-shore Skipjack wind turbine to the Fenwick Island State Park not more than a mile from my property. There are many concerns regarding this plan, but the first question I have is "Why here?"

This turbine, the biggest ever built, is being funded by taxpayer money from the State of Maryland in order to create (very expensive) electric power and possible job opportunities for its own state residents. This cable could easily be run to Maryland's Assateague State Park, which is separate from the National Assateague Park. Since this is Maryland's answer to alternate energy, why is Maryland not offering to use its land? Could it be that those state officials do not want to deal with the unknown negative environmental and health consequences of the construction process and the electro-magnetic field generated by the cable and connection facility? Since this is a Maryland project, then Maryland should assume the risk and consequences of tearing up its natural beaches and destroying the habitats of the existing wildlife.

I also feel that building a bunker and running a huge cable to Delaware's shores is a betrayal of the Delaware Coastal Zone Act, which was developed to protect our area from the ugliness of heavy industry. Tourism and agriculture remain the top two industries in Delaware bringing in millions of dollars for the entire state, thanks to the efforts of Sussex County. I feel certain that this Orsted project will drive away the tourists who come here to escape the industrial grim and noise of the Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia urban areas. Once the door is opened

to running electrical cables for industrial use to the beach area, additional pressure will be applied to increase the beach for heavy industrial use.

I am also opposed to what this project will do to our beautiful, quiet town: construction chaos, inappropriate beach development, increased traffic, lower real estate values, environmental and health risks are just a few of the negatives that will make this area unattractive to visitors and investors. As far as I can tell, no valid studies have been instituted to provide data on the adverse effects to humans, the environment, and marine life. It appears that Maryland, Orsted and DNREC see our community as a dumping ground for this industrial project in exchange for 17 or 18 million dollars. In turn, Delaware officials are gullible and greedy enough to willingly exchange a beautiful and valuable beach area for this, like the way the early European settlers bought Manhattan from the Native Americans for a few beads.

In conclusion, please keep Orsted out of the Fenwick area! Plus, DNREC needs to stay on track with its own Mission Statement that is supposed to protect the natural environment, NOT develop it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara E. Mc Coy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barbara E. Mc Coy

Leonard and Laura Getschel  
3 Brierleigh Court  
Lutherville, Maryland 21093  
October 25, 2019

Fenwick Island Town Council  
800 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944

We are most distressed to learn about the possible electric transmission station to be built in the Fenwick State Beach Park and we implore you to intercede on our behalf to stop this project. Fenwick State Park is one of the very few unspoiled "beach" parks where people go to enjoy the tranquility of the ocean away from the amusements, amphitheaters and hustle and bustle of most beach resorts. We have been property owners at 51 Madison Avenue in Fenwick Island for eighteen years and love it as it is. What has attracted us to Fenwick is the fierce desire to keep it as the quiet resort.

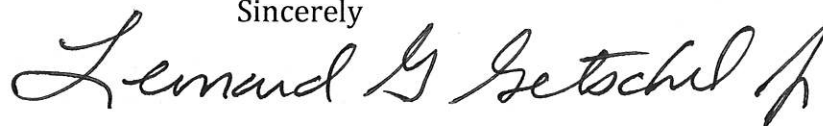
Although it may be appealing to government to look progressive and attracting new development, this is not Fenwick. We have intentionally limited the size of our homes, restricted noise in a desire to maintain the only sanctuary of peace in our lives. Allowing wind turbines off-shore and creating a bustling park with two story parking facilities, an amphitheater and other "amenities" is exactly what we come to Fenwick to escape.

We feel that this would have a detrimental effect on our property values and overcrowd the state park beach, which will overflow onto the town beaches. The impact on the environment and all marine life where the wind turbines are is certainly of major concern, as well as the probable changes to the bay. They waited until most of Fenwick Island homeowners had left for the winter for them to present this when they knew that most would not know about this and have a chance to fight it. We received notice of this in the last few days and were told the vote is to be November 2. We don't want it and feel that it is being hoisted on us because Ocean City was smart enough to reject it.

The very thought of a huge electric transmission station on our fragile barrier island that sees flooding all of the time is absolutely incompatible with our small residential community. We pride ourselves on being the quiet resort, this certainly does not include the buzz of an electric transmission station. Although they have tried to sweeten the bitter pill by building all of the amenities they think we should want, they have sorely misjudged the priorities of our community. It is absolutely incomprehensible that we would trade a few amenities like multilevel parking for wind turbines and an electric transmission station.

We sincerely hope that you, as our elected representatives, look out for the homeowners of Fenwick Island and we ask that you put an end to this project at the Fenwick State Beach Park.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonard G. Getschel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and a stylized "G".

The Honorable Shawn M. Garvin

Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

The Richardson and Robbins Building

89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901

Dear Mr. Secretary,

My wife and I are oceanfront property owners in Fenwick Island. Our family has been there since 1967. We have just received information regarding your Division of Parks plan to allow the Orsted Off-shore Wind Company to construct a transmission station in a pristine state beach park just to the north of Fenwick Island.

We find this proposal to be ill-advised, and a totally improper and incompatible usage of the state beach property and state land along the shoreline. AND, the "quid pro quo" payment by Orsted to the Department of Parks to make improvements and development (ie, Pickle Ball Courts), in exchange for siting a transition station there, makes the plan more absurd.

Furthermore, "The Deal" appears to be nontransparent, with many questions and concerns left unanswered. For example: What will be the environmental impact to the land, the sea and the wildlife? What impact will this "DEAL" have on property values in Fenwick? Why does a state beach park need pickle ball courts and other development and amenities? What is meant by the term development?

If I had one word to describe this planned "DEAL", it would be asinine!

This "DEAL" needs to "cease and desist" and should never been considered or proposed in the first place.

Bottom line is we don't want or need the transmission station and development in or around our state beach park or near our "Quiet Resort".

Most Sincerely,

Erik and Susan Nystrom

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You must not let this happen!!



October 27, 2019

At the October 25, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Fenwick Island Town Council, all of the Town Council members (except Richard Mais who was not present) expressed their opposition to the proposed wind farm transmission lines/interconnection facility to be located in the FI State Park and expressed concern about the proposed improvements to the FI State Park. Several residents spoke during Public Participation to express these same views.

On Saturday, October 26 a follow up meeting was held at the FI Town Hall. John Toedtman, Executive Director of the Caesar Rodney Institute, was the speaker. The Caesar Rodney Institute (CRI) is a bipartisan nonprofit that has been around for 11 years. It looks at policies and their impact on communities. CRI feels that there are effective places for wind farms but feels that that Offshore Wind Farms being proposed off the Delaware coast will negatively impact the Delaware coastal economy and are extremely costly to operate and maintain.

There were 25 people present at Saturday's meeting including Senator Gerald Hocker, Representative Ron Gray, Town Council member Vickie Carmean, Bethany Hooper from the MD Coast Dispatch, several FISH members and other concerned residents from Fenwick and the Bethany area.

Mr. Toedtman told the group that outside of Fenwick Island, basically no other communities in Delaware know much about the wind farm project and its impact on Delaware.

#### Summary of Major Points:

- The State of Maryland is committing to purchase \$5 billion in energy over 20 years from the Wind Farm, however 100% of the Wind Farm is located off the coast of Delaware. Plans are to locate offshore wind turbines up and down the entire Delaware coast from Fenwick to Rehoboth.
- The State of Maryland will get federal tax credits so that their energy costs will not be significantly impacted, but it is not a good use of (our) taxpayer money since offshore wind energy is very expensive by the time it reaches homes. Delaware will get no tax credits which will result in our energy costs increasing as very little power is generated in DE. Most of Delaware's power is purchased.
- ORSTED worked with DNREC because no approval is needed from local communities/governments since they will be using state land. Governor Carney is the only person who can oversee DNREC. The Secretary of DNREC, Shawn Garvin, is a political appointee of the governor's. Most of DNREC's budget comes from fines. The \$18,000,000 payout from ORSTED would be a real "wind"fall for the parks.
- Studies done by the University of Delaware and North Carolina State University indicate that with an offshore windfarm there would be a 20-30% reduction in tourism (Delaware's 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest industry) resulting in job loss, reduced income for the State, less vacation rentals and reduced rental rates, a 15-20% reduction in home values with 30% of respondents stating they would sell their homes and move elsewhere.
- The wind turbines that will be used are the biggest ever developed: 853 feet tall with 360 foot blades. The 50 turbines will be placed 60 feet down into the ocean floor. The undersea cables cost \$800,000 per mile. The windfarm is 40 square miles in size and located right in the Atlantic Flyway where migrating birds fly each year. During the day, the turbines will be visible from the

beach. At night, the blinking red lights on each of the turbines will be visible all along the coastline.

- The US Coast Guard, Department of Defense and Homeland Security are not in favor of the offshore wind farm as it will impact radar. The Army Corps of Engineers do not want to be involved with it.
- The Caesar Rodney Institute's (CRI) message was not to focus on the State park transmission cables/interconnection facility and the park improvements, but to focus instead on stopping the Offshore Windfarm from getting built.
- CRI will be writing to the State legislature about the economic impact including the impact on tourism, taxes and utility rates. There are also concerns about health and safety impacts—what do the transmission lines emit? How will these massive turbines fare in a hurricane or Nor'easter? If utility costs increase, big manufacturers will not come to Delaware (50,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost since the 1970's). The only beneficiary in this ORSTED plan is the State parks.
- Concerned citizens are encouraged to get the word out about this plan to neighboring communities as all the Delaware ocean beaches will be impacted.
- Contact local officials and State officials asking them to delay signing any agreements until the impact of the wind turbines can be reviewed through public outreach as was done with offshore drilling.
- Check out information at [caesarrodneynstitute.com](http://caesarrodneynstitute.com) and [saveourbeachview.com](http://saveourbeachview.com)

*Meeting notes submitted by Colleen Wilson, Friends of Fenwick*