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NO APPLICATION FOR LIGHTHOUSE WIND IN 2019

On Thursday, April 11, 2019, Apex informed the Towns of Somerset that the Virginia based company will not submit an Article 10 application for the ill-conceived Lighthouse Wind project at any time during 2019.

Lighthouse Wind has also vacated the office space it previously occupied in the Village of Barker. However, despite physically leaving town, Apex appears unwilling at this time to formally withdraw its pursuit of the controversial and unpopular industrial wind project.

“Last week, I was advised by very reliable residents that Apex was shutting down the Lighthouse Wind project,” said Somerset Supervisor Daniel Engert. “In response to the information I was receiving, I reached out to Apex officials for confirmation of the status of the Lighthouse Wind project. I was disappointed, but not surprised, that Apex would not provide the Town of Somerset with any update.”

This morning, Apex employee Paul Williamson emailed the Town of Somerset stating that no application will be filed in 2019. However, the email also stated, “We will provide both Somerset and Yates with updated information regarding permitting actions, adjustments in design, and anticipated scheduling as that information becomes available.”

Apex has also updated the Lighthouse Wind website and their Facebook page to indicate the company is not pursuing an application at this time.

Apex formally commenced the Article 10 process in 2014. During the past five years, Apex has not secured a single agreement or approval from any state agency or local government regarding any aspect of the project. Apex has not engaged in any Article 10 stipulation negotiations since the summer of 2018.

“For five years, Apex has caused extreme division and turmoil in this town. Apex’s recent statements do not change anything. Apex continues to place unnecessary stress on our community with this project. I reiterate my previous requests that Apex abandon this project on the shores of Lake Ontario,” said Supervisor Engert. “And if Apex will not do so voluntarily, then I ask Governor Cuomo and the Article 10 Siting Board to tell Apex enough is enough.”