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Planners hear wind farm opposition

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The gentle breeze of opposition to a proposed large-scale wind farm blew into the county planning board meeting last week.

While not gale-force yet,

County Planner Donna Godfrey said several people spoke May 10 in opposition as well as in support of the project that calls for up to 150 wind turbines to be erected on land straddling Perquimans and Pasquotank counties. It was

the first time any opposition to the planned project has been vocalized at public meetings conducted by the county. The change in direction came during the planning board's discussion of a conditional use permit requested by Atlan-

tic Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, to construct the project in the area known locally as the Desert.

The most surprising gust came from the U.S. Navy that is currently studying whether or not the pro-

posed wind facility might hamper radar operations at a base on the Currituck County/Chesapeake, Va. line.

Members of the planning board took no action on the request last week, but agreed to consider the

matter again last night (Tuesday).

In a letter delivered to both Perquimans and Pasquotank planning officials, Lt. Cmdr. D.L. Huber indicated that preliminary

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STAFF PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

Firefighters from Hertford, Bethel and Winfall conduct live burn training at an abandoned house on Church Street in Hertford, Saturday.

Firefighters train by burning house

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Area firefighters received valuable experience Saturday when three area departments took part in a joint live burn training exercise on Church Street.

Hertford Fire Chief Todd Tilley said training went extremely well, especially for 14 firefighters who experienced going into a burning structure for the first time.

Burn on

See more photos from Saturday's live burn exercise, page 7.

Firefighters from Hertford, Bethel and Winfall departments burned the vacant house located at 213 Church Street near Holy Trinity Episcopal Church during the exercise that was led by certified instructors from Elizabeth City Fire Department. Church Street was closed from King to Dobbs Street during the training exercise. In all, 47 firefighters participated.

"We had no problems at all," commented Tilley. "There was one dead tree branch that caught on fire high in a tree, but we were able to extinguish that with the



Even in the rain, local firefighters trained and gained valuable experience Saturday during a live burn training exercise at 213 Church Street on Saturday. About 35-45 firefighters participated.

ladder truck."

"It was a good day," he added. "A long day, but a very good one. The training and experience for our firefighters was invaluable."

Lead Instructor Michael Cartwright and other instructors took turns showing 14 teams of firefighters how to attack fire

inside the blazing house. As one team of firefighters entered the blazing house, a back-up team stood ready outside if needed.

Tilley said training actually began in January for the firefighters in preparation for the live burn.

While the morning was overcast with occasional showers, the

afternoon brought clear skies, a hot sun, and warm temperatures.

Members of the ladies auxiliary set up a place where firefighters could rest and replenish with cold water and snacks.

Members of Perquimans EMS were also on hand to assist if needed.

Bethel Store robbed

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A lone gunman robbed a male clerk inside the small country Bethel Store around 5 p.m. Sunday after waving a sawed-off shotgun and demanding money.

"The clerk said the gunman pointed the gun at him and started screaming."

Eric Tilley
Perquimans sheriff

Witnesses say the black male gunman was wearing dark clothes with a scarf tied around his face. He left the scene with another suspect in a creme-colored Chrysler heading towards Snug Harbor Road, witnesses told police.

The car, registered to Christopher Stephan Posten of the 1400-block of Harvey Point Road, was found parked on Third Avenue by sheriff's deputies and impounded for investigation. The car was still warm from running when deputies arrived.

Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley said Posten, age 19, turned himself in around midnight later that evening. He is charged with armed robbery with a dangerous weapon, second degree kidnapping, and assault by pointing a gun. He is held in Albemarle District Jail under \$95,000 bond.

Tilley said Posten gave police the cash reported stolen during the robbery, and also helped police recover the gun which was hidden beside the road off Creecy's Lane.

"The clerk said the gunman pointed the gun at him and started screaming," said Tilley. "The money from the cash register was taken and the store's bank bag was also taken. We believe about \$200 in cash was taken. I am proud of my officers for locating the car so quickly and following through with it."

The incident is still under investigation.

Strolling starts Friday

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Another weekend of activity is set to begin Friday evening when the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce kicks off its monthly Friday Night Stroll in historic downtown Hertford.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., vendors will offer food, fun, music, artisans, plants, produce, and much more on the courthouse square until 8 p.m. Pony rides will be available for children on the grassy area behind the Hertford Baptist Church. Several downtown merchants will be open late. Other businesses will be available to offer information.



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Neighbors stop suspected break-in

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Neighbors looking out for each other helped area law enforcement stop a suspected burglary in progress last Wednesday.

Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley said four Edenton residents were arrested following a suspected break-in at a home on Cottonwood Drive near Winfall. A neighbor called police after seeing four



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K. Twine

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people and an unfamiliar white car in the neighborhood. A neighbor saw the vehicle back up to the garage of one house and

three people had gotten out of the vehicle, Tilley said. The neighbor confronted the female who was left in the car, and she

then drove away in the vehicle, but then returned. The three others fled on foot, police said.

"Apparently, they were communicating on cell phones," said Tilley. "We believe the female was trying to pick them in the car in the area."

Deputies arrived and detained the driver of the vehicle, and then found guns, computers, and

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