

November 25, 2015

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- Immediate Release –

The Office of the Town Manger has informed the Board of Selectmen of the November 24, 2015 Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's notice of its decision to 'hold off' on closing out its loan and that the **entirety** of this loan remains outstanding. The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (SRF-Program), dispersed to the Town of Falmouth loans totaling \$4,865,000 to acquire and install Wind 2. The original interest rate is 0%. This loan qualifies for full principal forgiveness as long as the turbine continues to operate for its intended purpose to generate renewable energy. This November 24, 2015 notice to the town was the result of due diligence by the Town's Financial team in preparation for unrelated short-term municipal borrowing.

The 'interim' status of the Town's note with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust is a re-affirmation of the April 2, 2013 correspondence, attached, informing the town that the Trust will reinstate the Town's obligation to pay principle and interest on the nearly \$5,000,000 **in full principle** remaining if a change to non-operational status occurs.

This informal notice is aligned with the November 9, 2015 notice from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, relative to Wind I, that a "*decision to cease and desist operation of Wind 1 is not considered "modified operation"*", and as result it is the MassCEC's determination that the Town will owe the MassCEC for REC's not generated during this shut-down period.

Julian M. Suso, Town Manager

Town of Falmouth