

Lyme approves moratorium on wind-farm development

CHAUMONT — The Lyme Town Council voted 5-0 on Wednesday to establish a six-month moratorium on wind farm development, Town Supervisor James E. Golden said.

The council also unanimously passed a resolution saying the town will be lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review for the portion of BP Alternative Energy's proposed wind farm that falls within its boundaries.

BP's proposed Cape Vincent Wind Farm crosses the Cape Vincent and Lyme town line. It is the only proposed project in Lyme. The Cape Vincent Planning Board declared itself lead

agency for the entire project in January.

Mr. Golden said the next step is to inform the state Department of Environmental Conservation of the town's resolution. In previous interviews, a spokesman for the DEC said it would be contradictory to the SEQR process to split BP's project so there are two lead agencies.

At an informational session last week, James H. Madden, project manager for the Cape Vincent Wind Farm, supported the Town Council in instituting a moratorium, but he asked Lyme to move forward with the SEQR process as an involved agency, with Cape Vincent as the lead.