The map designated all the organized towns and about a third of the Unorganized Territory as the state's "expedited wind zone" where that speedy consideration of projects would take place. The task force also proposed to allow the Land Use Regulation Commission to expand the areas if applicants met certain standards.

**How that map got drawn is not clear from the official record of the task force's meetings. That's because summaries for the last two meetings don't exist, said task force chairman Alec Giffen's secretary, Rondi Doiron.**

"Everyone was working straight out on getting the report done, and no one had time to get the summaries done," Doiron wrote in an email to the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting.

But Giffen and others freely describe the map's genesis: First, Giffen consulted with the developers' representatives one-by-one, as they were loathe to share proprietary information with competitors. Then he went to the environmental groups and asked what areas they wanted to protect.

Then he came up with a proposed map designating expedited wind development areas.

"I integrated, based on what I knew about what areas were important for what kinds of uses, presented it to the task force and got concurrence that the way in which it was outlined made sense," Giffen said.

Others describe the map-drawing process as a last-minute rush to get the task force's report done in time for legislators to consider as they neared the end of a short session.

"There was a lot of 'Here, here, here and here' and 'No, no, no and no,' during the map debate, said task force member Rep. Stacey Fitts, R-Pittsfield. "It changed several times." Maine Audubon's Jody Jones described the process as "I want this in, I want this out."

**Whatever the process looked and sounded like is lost to the public record because no minutes were taken or recorded.**

And that, says Sun Journal managing editor Judy Meyer, who's also vice president of the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition, is "shocking."

Maine law doesn't require groups like the governor's wind task force to memorialize deliberations, says Meyer.

"There's no requirement that they record their meetings or produce minutes," she said. "What smells particularly about this is that there are some summaries and not others. That's a real eyebrow raiser. You'd think a governor's task force would have the ability to keep minutes of its proceedings."
Karin –

Here is my proposal for how we get from where we are now to a completed report from the Wind Power Task Force and proposed legislation to implement it.

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<th>1. Brief as many of the Task Force members as I can reach regarding the expedited schedule, etc., and set up the next meeting of the Task Force</th>
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<td>2. Complete the draft of the report</td>
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<td>3. Hold individual meetings with the ENGOs and developers (FPL, Rob Gardiner, UPC, TransCanada, Chip Ahrens, Harley Lee) to go over draft report and, if possible, develop a map of the area where expedited review would take place. I would propose to meet with them with the map we have showing the location of met towers on the state base showing MCDs. You and I would attend these meetings. Agreement would be that what is said in these meetings is confidential among the parties (ENGOs, us, and the developers). As a result of these meetings, either reach agreement on a map of areas to be expedited or agree to call for expedited rulemaking to develop it. If agreement is reached on a map, parties would sign an agreement to support the map publicly and privately and resist efforts to change it in the legislature.</td>
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<td>5. Draft legislation to implement the Task Force recommendations</td>
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Attachment 5
This report was unanimously approved by the members of the Governor’s Task Force on Wind Power Development with the following understanding:

Consistent with "Mutual Understandings" among Task Force members agreed to early in the project, I concur with the content of the Report of Governor’s Task Force on Wind Power Development.

Further, I understand that for this effort to be successful, it is important that the Task Force members stand united in encouraging respect for the conclusions the Task Force has reached, and the implementation of these recommendations as a coherent whole.

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Senator Phillip Bartlett  
Juliet Browne, Verrill Dana LLP  
Pete Didisheim, Director of Advocacy, Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Judith A. Dorsey, Retired Lawyer  
Representative Stacey Fitts  
Senator Walter Gooley  
Jody Jones, Wildlife Ecologist, Maine Audubon Society  
John Kerry, Director, Governor’s Office of Energy Independence & Security  
Kathleen Leyden, Coastal Program Manager, State Planning Office  
David Littell, Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Representative W. Bruce MacDonald  
Milton McBrairty, Business Manager, IBEW Local Union 567  
Patrick McGowan, Commissioner, Dept. of Conservation  
Dave Publicover, Appalachian Mountain Club (alternate member)  
Steve Timpano, Environmental Coordinator, Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife  
David Wilby, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers of Maine