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## Towers and Signs Occupy Planners' Discussions

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The Northampton County Planning Commission moved forward with plans for a public hearing regarding proposed meteorological (MET) towers. The towers are designed to generate meteorological data regarding winds in the county and could be used to determine if wind turbines are economically viable.

Commissioner Roberta Kellam raised the issue of possible bird kills by the towers and asked if there is any data concerning the issue. **Steven Volkert**, business development manager for **Delsea Energy**, stated that his company had installed a MET tower in the Hallwood area and suggested that the commissioners visit the site to see first what the tower looks like. He described the structure as resembling a cell tower, with wind instruments on short-cross trees located at the top.