

BEACH HAVEN TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION SPONSORED OFFSHORE WIND KAREN CONOVER INTERVIEW
AVAILABLE ON BHTA WEBSITE

As a follow up to the Beach Haven Taxpayers Association (BHTA) held an offshore wind energy forum via Zoom on April 9, the BHTA Board interviewed Karen Conover on May 22nd, a Beach Haven taxpayer who is also a subject matter expert in implementing Offshore wind projects in Europe and the Americas. Karen provided her personal opinions from the perspective of a Beach Haven taxpayer and 35 years of experience in the industry.

Karen Conover has more than 35 years of international experience with renewable energy technologies, helping clients with development, technology, and operational challenges in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. She currently serves as a Vice President at DNV, an independent risk management company that provides certification, testing, advisory, and digital solutions to clients in the maritime and energy industries. She previously held positions as Global Segment Director for Wind and Renewables and Senior Strategic Advisor for Renewables and Energy Storage. With offices in over 100 countries, DNV is one of the world's largest renewable energy advisory and certification firms. Karen served on the board of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) for 20+ years. She is a Past President of the board and served on numerous industry committees.

Karen has been recognized as Industry Woman of the Year (WRISE, 2010), Outstanding Contributor to the Wind Industry (AWEA, 2012), and a Wind Energy Influencers and Innovator (Windpower Engineering, 2011 and 2016). She was ranked in the top 20 of the global Women in Power list (2017) and in the top 100 of the North American Power list (2018). During 2020/2021, Karen served as a mentor in the Women in Wind Global Leadership Program and as a Public Voices Fellow of the OpEd Project and the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. Karen grew up on 11th Street in Beach Haven where her parents still live. In 2010, she purchased a home on Belvoir Avenue so she could still spend summers down the shore.

John Hailperin, association president moderated a series of questions pertaining to local interest including but not limited to location of wind turbines, visibility topics, impacts to tourism, business and commercial and recreational fishing industries, environment and the ecological systems and cost implications.

Video and the audio recording of the event is now available via the Beach Haven Taxpayers Association web site at <http://www.bhtaxpayers.org>.