



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

PLANNING BOARD

February 4, 2010

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Henry Hodges, Gary Poisson, Tom Vanchieri, Frank Higgins, Gretchen Heldmann, Jeff Thurlow, Charles Norburg, CEO and Russell Smith, Town Manager. Susan Dunham-Shane attended the meeting from Massachusetts, thanks to speakerphones.

MINUTES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: This meeting was a Windmill Ordinance Workshop. The following items were discussed and changes suggested to the final draft of the Dixmont Ordinance:

Definitions, gg – remove “issued by the Planning Board” and add “issued by the Selectmen, following approval by the Planning Board”

Definitions, hh – remove “issued by the Planning Board” and add “ issued by the Code Enforcement Officer, following approval by the Planning Board”

Section 6, e – add “as determined by the Planning Board “ after “of this Ordinance”, in the first sentence. Change “Planning Board” to “Selectmen” 4 places in the paragraph.

Section 7 – Susan Dunham-Shane would like to have “To Be Determined” on all fees until they can be researched.

Mark Shane will do a sound demo at the February 11, 2010 meeting.

The Board suggested possibly asking Phil of Dixmont what they used to backup their decisions when it came to their determination of sound levels.

The Board may be able to defend their numbers when compared to the World Health Organization Standards.

There is not enough time to finish the ordinance to have it voted on at Town Meeting. The Selectmen have to sign the warrant for Town Meeting on February 16, 2010 for the printer Russell will put an article in the warrant to put a moratorium into affect. They will then have a Special Town Meeting later to cover both the Windmill Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance. Gretchen traveled to the windmills on Stetson Mountain and prepared a presentation about her visit. There are about 30 towers, accessible by 4 x 4 vehicle. She had pictures of the towers in the distance as she traveled to their location. Each tower is about 20’ in diameter. Gretchen observed that from her locations with cross wind of 11-30 mph and gusts of 43, she Could only hear the towers in the direct vicinity of a tower. (1/2 and ¼ miles away, she did not notice any sound.) If she were downwind, the sound may carry differently. She could not access the area that would have been downwind.

Gretchen also brought in new maps showing structures within one mile of the proposed Windmills.

At the next Windmill Workshop, they will focus on sound levels.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meetings will be Thursday, February 11, 2010 for Windmills. They will then meet February 22, 2010 with Renaissance and the 25th is the regularly scheduled meeting. Tom will not be present for the meeting on the 25th.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles