



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

PLANNING BOARD

July 29, 2010

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Tom Vanchieri, Henry Hodges and Frank Higgins. Susan Dunham-Shane, Gretchen Heldmann and Jeff Thurlow have excused absences. Motion to make Frank Higgins a voting member of the Board tonight by Henry Hodges, Tom Vanchieri 2nd. All in favor.

MINUTES: Motion to table the minutes to the next meeting to get clarification on page 11, 210.1.6 by Frank Higgins, Henry Hodges, 2nd. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board continued reviewing the Small Scale Wind Energy Facility Ordinance starting on page 13.

Page 14, 12.9 add "Towers" at the beginning of the paragraph.

Page 14, 12.11 After sentence add: "This requirement may be waived if the Applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the municipal entity responsible for review and approval of the permit application under Section 209.1, that there be no practicable alternative and that proposed installation is safe and appropriate for the application being proposed."

Page 15, after 3. add "4. Blade glint is prohibited." Also get the definition of blade glint from the Commercial Windmill Ordinance and add it to this section.

Page 15, 13.1.3.a Change "55" to "35" dBA and add "within 100";

Page 16, 13.1.3.b.1 change "45" to "40" and "55" to "50"

Page 15, 13.1.3.b.2 Remove ":" after quarters and add "or at property boundaries that describe the outer limits of the facility site combined with any parcel(s) owned by a Participating Land-Owner that are contiguous with the facility site." Remove c. Add "3. Areas within 100' of occupied structure: No more than 35 dBA at any time."

Page 16, 13.1.4 Change 10.1.12(1) to "10.1.12(a)" and change 13.1.4 to "13.1.6"

Note that the Town needs to purchase a sound level meter.

Page 17, 13.1.6.d At the end of the paragraph, remove "that there is no practicable alternative" And add "(in his or her sole opinion)" that there is no practicable alternative or that the applicant has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to make a good faith effort to take proper remedial actions to insure compliance with the sound level limits of this ordinance."

Page 17, 13.2 Remove "2. If a surety..."

Remove Section 14, Appendix B and Appendix C, pages 21 through 33.

Because Section 14 was removed, will need to change 14.1 and remove "upon the written request of the applicant, the provisions of section 14.1. If the Applicant chooses review under section 14.1, the provisions of 13.1.1, 13.1.2 and 13.1.6 shall apply, but the provisions of 13.1.3, 13.1.4 and 13.1.5 shall not apply."

NEW BUSINESS: Russell informed the Board that Tradewinds has presented an application to expand the store and move the front parking area forward and will be at the August 12, 2010 meeting. The Board said they will need to contact the state regarding the right-of-way.

Peter Lyford and Travis Bullard were present at the meeting. Peter represents the Boy Scouts. Travis is the senior developer with EOLIAN Renewable Energy that has reached out to the Scouts about a potential wind energy project on Black Cap Mountain. He would like to sit down and give a presentation on their proposed development to the Board and is available with any technical questions the Board may have. Travis has a copy of the draft Wind Energy Ordinance and there are a couple areas of it that concern him. Such as the one-mile setback, partially because someone who may not have any direct impact from the windmill, but are within the setback could put a stop to the project. Also he said that wind going through trees could be 50 dBA, but our Ordinance is limiting at 35 dBA. The company Travis works for goes into previously impacted sites rather than having to clear and develop undeveloped areas. He is willing to come before the Board with more information on research done on windmills. His company does not have a completed windmill project, but have many in various stages of development. They hook into distribution lines rather than into the main grid. Travis will get a benefits package to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Henry Hodges, Frank Higgins 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles