

# TOWN OF EDDINGTON, MAINE

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## PLANNING BOARD October 22, 2009 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Vanchieri.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Henry Hodges, Susan Dunham-Shane, Tom Vanchieri, Frank Higgins, Jeff Thurlow, Gretchen Heldmann, Charles Norburg, CEO and Russell Smith, Town Manager. Gary Poisson had an excused absence.

**MINUTES:** Motions to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2009, September 24, 2009 and October 7, 2009 as written by Susan Dunham-Shane, Henry Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2009 with the correction on page two to change the spelling of decimal to decibel by Susan Dunham-Shane, Henry Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Denise handed out paperwork addressing questions regarding zoning that the Board had brought up at the August 25, 2009 meeting.

This meeting was a Windmill Ordinance Workshop. The Board members each reviewed a copy of the Town of Dixmont, Wind Energy Facility Ordinance that Russell passed out. It was the consensus of the Board that they favored this Ordinance for some of the following reasons: set back requirements stricter and more defined, ground clearance and height restrictions addressed, post construction sound measurement required, operating license with an annual renewal fee, easier to follow, statement required from Federal Aviation Administration, shadow flicker addressed and checks and balances after it is built. They would like to pull information from the State Ordinance and other individual Ordinances provided to create an Ordinance for residential windmills and add it to the Dixmont Ordinance. Items discussed to be addressed in the Residential Windmill Ordinance include that the resident must supply designer specs, there would be a reasonable flat fee for the application and anything deemed a nuisance should be addressed by the CEO. Gretchen Heldmann will pull the resident windmill information from the State Ordinance and start a new ordinance.

The Board discussed the fact that Susan Dunham-Shane is a bordering neighbor to the location of a possible Windmill Farm. They believe that there is no conflict of interest in her working with the Board in writing any Ordinance. They would like clarification from MMA regarding conflict of interest in writing an ordinance or working on an application.

Susan Dunham-Shane has information regarding Windmills and licensing fees. They would like to explore the possibility of a sliding scale license fee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The next meeting of the Planning Board will be Monday, October 26, 2009 with Renaissance. They will meet Thursday, November 5, 2009 for their next Windmill Ordinance Workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm .

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles

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