



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

PLANNING BOARD

November 12, 2009

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: Members present were Henry Hodges, Gretchen Heldmann, Frank Higgins, Jeff Thurlow, Susan Dunham-Shane, and Russell Smith, Town Manager. Gary Poisson and Charles Norburg have excused absences.

MINUTES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: This meeting was a Windmill Ordinance Workshop.

Russell informed the Board that he had just called the Chairman of the Dixmont Planning Board, Mike Dann, regarding the Wind Energy Ordinance that the Board has been reviewing. He told Russell that they got their original ordinance from Wisconsin. He didn't know a lot about the Wisconsin Ordinance, but another member would be more helpful. They had their lawyer look at it and are having a Special Town Meeting November 19, 2009. He expects their vote to be close. Susan would like the name of the town in Wisconsin and would like to know their scientific technical advisor.

Susan produced a sheet comparing definitions from the Dixmont, State, Biddeford and Damariscotta Ordinance definitions. Russell said that Cianbro has backed out of the Wind Energy Plan with Boy Scouts. They are accepting RFP's for new companies. There is a Camp Roosevelt Trust involved that may oversee the revenue of the Boy Scout property.

Denise gave everyone copies of articles from Maine Municipal's Maine townsman regarding windmills and the final draft of the Dixmont Wind Energy Ordinance with the areas changed from the original ordinance highlighted. Each Board member should compare the two Dixmont Ordinances and choose which version in the changed areas they want to use.

The Board decided to do two ordinances, with one for Commercial and one for Residential. They will work on the Commercial Ordinance first. They would use the State residential section for the basis to start with and then add any parts from the individual town residential ordinances. The Board will wait to work comparing the definitions because they are going to do two separate ordinances now.

Frank and Susan will go to the Dixmont meeting next Thursday. Frank will call Mike Dann, their Chairman, about the ordinance and going to the meeting. Then our Board will go over everyone's notes on the changes between the first draft and the final at the next meeting page by page.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meeting of the Planning Board will be Monday, November 23, 2009 with Renaissance. Susan and Frank will attend the Dixmont Special Town Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2009 and will discuss their findings after the Renaissance meeting on November 23, 2009. The Board will then decide when they want to meet again to work on the Windmill Ordinance. They will be meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2009 with Renaissance and the regular meeting schedule will be Thursday, December 10, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm .

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles