

COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES: APRIL 23, 2024, 5-7:30 PM, TOWN OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT: CARRIE PEABODY, AL GRIGNON, DIANE SMITH, CYNTHIA BEAUVAIS (CALL-IN)

ABSENT MEMBERS: KATHY HOWELL

1. MEETING START 5:00 PM.
2. REVIEW/APPROVE APRIL 18 MINUTES FOR POSTING ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.
3. REVIEW V1.3 ORDINANCE DRAFT:
 - ACCEPT ALL CHANGES/REWORDING TO DATE
 - REPLACE THE WORD *FACILITY* WITH *CWEF* AS APPROPRIATE
 - REMOVED APPLICATION FEE COLUMN IN THE FEE TABLE
 - CHANGED *APPLICATION FEE* TO *PERMIT FEE* THROUGHOUT
 - ADDED *OPERATOR* TO THE WORD *APPLICANT* AS NECESSARY
 - SECTION 9 DECOMMISSIONING PLAN REQUIREMENTS #24 ADDED VOLUNTARY RESPONSE ACTION PROGRAM (VRAP)
 - ADDED *OPERATOR* DEFINITION
 - ACCEPT ALL CHANGES/INPUT TO DATE
 - GENERATE V1.4 FINAL DRAFT AND SEND TO TEAM FOR FINAL INPUT BY APRIL 28, 2024.
4. FINAL DRAFT VERSION 1.5 READY FOR LEGAL REVIEW
 - TEAM DECISION TO OBTAIN LEGAL REVIEW PRIOR TO SELECTBOARD AND PLANNING BOARD REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT
 - SEEK REVIEW/APPROVAL BY SELECTBOARD/PLANNING BOARD AT FUTURE MEETINGS (MAY) REGARDING APPLICANT/OPERATOR, AND CEO FEE STRUCTURE:
 - THE PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE OF 1 USD PER kWh,
 - THE CEO FEE OF 150 USD FOR THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE,
 - THE YEARLY CEO FEE OF 100 USD/TURBINE/YEAR FOR MONITORING.
 - REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF FEES BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO AVOID CONFUSION AT TOWN MEETING WHEN THE ORDINANCE FINAL IS REVIEWED
 - SEND OVERVIEW SUMMARY AND V1.4 FINAL DRAFT FOR LEGAL REVIEW TO TOWN CLERK ON APRIL 29, 2024 WITH A SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AREAS THE TEAM IS SEEKING SPECIFIC LEGAL COMMENT ON:
 - CLARIFY WHAT IS CONSIDERED A SUBSTANTIAL START
 - a. INQUIRE ABOUT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND ABILITY TO ASK FOR A DESCRIPTION OF HOW AND TO WHOM ENERGY PRODUCED WILL BE SOLD OR USED.
 - b. CLARIFY RESIDENCE DEFINITION
5. THE NEXT WIND COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED ONCE LEGAL REVIEW HAS BEEN OBTAINED.
6. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM.