

COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES: JUNE 27, 2024, 5-6 PM, TOWN OFFICE

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

1. MEETING START 5:00 PM.
2. REVIEW FINAL COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE DRAFT V2.0
  - ACCEPT ALL CHANGES FROM LEGAL REVIEW
    - STATUTES REVISED TO REFLECT REPEALS/CHANGES IN SUBSECTIONS AT STATE LEVEL
    - SUBSTANTIAL START DEFINED TO 30% BY LEGAL
    - RESIDENCE DEFINITION DEFINED BY LEGAL
    - LEGAL STATED THAT A DESCRIPTION OF HOW/TO WHOM ENERGY IS SOLD IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO ASK OF APPLICANT IF NOT REQUIRING EXCESSIVE DETAIL
  - TEAM MOTION TO INCORPORATE CITIZEN COMMENTS INTO FINAL AS FEEDBACK WAS PRIMARILY GRAMMATICAL/WORDSMITHING
  - REVIEW USE TABLE FOR TURBINE TYPES/SPECS/HEIGHTS, VERIFY DATA/NAMEPLATES/TOWER HEIGHT LIMITATIONS
  - CLARIFICATION OBTAINED FROM ROB GEE AT DOWNEAST WIND RE: POWER TRANSMISSION LINES CONNECTING TO GRID
    - DOWNEAST WIND USES A COLLECTION SUBSTATION TO CONVERT POWER TO 115 KV, A REQUIREMENT OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINE UTILITY GRID SYSTEM
  - CLARIFICATION OBTAINED FROM ROB GEE AT DOWNEAST WIND REGARDING SINGLE TOWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE TURBINE EACH. GEE CLAIMS THAT TWO TURBINES TO ONE TOWER ARE NOT USED IN THEIR TECHNOLOGY NOR WAS ROB AWARE OF ANY TOWERS THAT HAVE TWO TURBINES TO ONE TOWER.
3. AL GRIGNON WILL FINALIZE ALL ABOVE EDITS AND THE COMPLETE AND FINAL COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE WILL BE SENT TO THE TEAM ASAP. THE FINAL ORDINANCE WILL UNDERGO PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SEPTEMBER.
4. WIND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT THIS TIME ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER WHEN THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS WILL BEGIN. CARRIE WILL WORK WITH THE TOWN OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR HEARING DATES/COORDINATE POSTINGS IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE HEARING THIS FALL.
5. MEETING ADJOURNED 6:00 PM.