

COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: CYNTHIA BEAUVAIS, AL GRIGNON (PHONE IN), PAUL IOSSA, CARRIE PEABODY

ALTERNATES: DIANE SMITH

ABSENT MEMBERS: KATHY HOWELL

ELECTED OFFICERS:

- CARRIE PEABODY – CHAIR
- CYNTHIA BEAUVAIS – SECRETARY

MINUTES:

1. WIND MORATORIUM INSTITUTED ON DECEMBER 14, 2023 FOR 180-DAY PERIOD. EXPIRATION JUNE 11, 2024.
2. REVIEW COMPLETED/LEGAL REVIEWED ORDINANCES FROM COLUMBIA, MACHIASPORT, BOTH APPLYING MAINE MODEL TEMPLATE FOR WIND ENERGY FACILITIES (WEFs).
3. DISCUSS USE OF MAINE MODEL WEF ORDINANCE TEMPLATE FOR JONESPORT AND PLAN TO LAYER IN TOWN STANDARDS.
4. BROAD DISCUSSION ON WINDMILLS. TALK ABOUT APEX AND PROJECT INVOLVING JONESPORT WETLANDS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

REVIEW TAX MAP, WETLANDS SOLD AND IMPACT TO AREA. WILL A MEANS OF EGRESS BE NEEDED FROM THE JONESPORT SIDE? CONCERNS ABOUT TAX REVENUE LOSS TO AREA ZONED AS NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION.

5. TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT PROPERTY OFF MASON BAY BY HUBBARD RAKE SEEKING A WIND PERMIT SOME YEARS AGO FOR WIND PROJECT THAT INSTALLED A PAD. WHAT IS STATUS OF PERMIT? UNDERSTANDING IS PERMIT WOULD LAPSE OVER TIME. DIANE/PAUL TO LOCATE PERMIT AND DETERMINE ITS STATUS. GENERAL PERCEPTION IS PERMIT HAS LAPSED GIVEN ITS AGE WITH NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.
6. CARRIE SUGGESTED USE OF MORE SUSCINCT LANGUAGE FOR CONFLICT IN PROVISIONS WITHIN ORDINANCE. COMMITTEE AGREED.
7. DISCUSS SURVEY OPTION. SUGGESTION MADE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO INFORM PUBLIC ABOUT WIND ENERGY RATHER THAN CONDUCT A SURVEY. SOME MEMBERS FELT SURVEYS WERE NOT AS EFFECTIVE. DISCUSSED ALLOWING PUBLIC TO SUBMIT WRITTEN OR EMAIL

COMMENTS TO TOWN COMMITTEE. MEMBERS IN AGREEMENT ON HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AND TO ALLOW FOR COMMENT IN OPEN FORUM AND WRITTEN/EMAIL. CARRIE PEABODY TO INQUIRE WITH TOWN OFFICE TO ARRANGE PROCESS FOR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS VIA THE TOWN OFFICE.

8. FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE CONDUCTED. COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO INVITE KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS FROM UMM, CITIZENS TASK FORCE ON WINDPOWER AND SCEC TO SPEAK TO PUBLIC ABOUT WIND ENERGY.
9. SPEAKER CONSIDERATIONS:
  - PAUL IOSSA – CONTACT UMM (JOE WHITNEY) SPEAKER
  - CARRIE PEABODY – CONTACT CITIZENS TASK FORCE ON WIND POWER SPEAKER
  - DIANE SMITH – ARRANGE FOR SCEC / WIND ENERGY SPEAKER
10. ONCE SPEAKERS ARE CHOSEN, AN INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE POSTED WITH SELECTED DATE(S) / TIME(S) FOR PRESENTATION(S).
11. MEMBERS TO REVIEW EXISTING ORDINANCE MATERIALS AND RETURN TO MEETING ON **MARCH 21 @5PM** WITH SPEAKER INFO/SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS.

ORDINANCE MATERIALS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING:

- [MAINE MODEL WIND ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE](#)
- [MACHIASPORT WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE \(2016\)](#)
- [COLUMBIA FALLS WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE](#)
- [DOWNEAST WIND APEX PERMIT \(DEP PROJECT FOLDER\)](#)
- [DOWNEAST WIND APEX PERMIT – DECOMMISSIONING PLAN](#)

12. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6PM.

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