

COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES: APRIL 9, 2024, 6-8 PM, TOWN OFFICE

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: KATHY HOWELL

1. MEETING START 6:00 PM.
2. MARCH 28 MINUTES APPROVED AND POSTED ON WEBSITE.
3. REVIEWED AL'S DECOMMISSIONING GUIDELINES, INCORPORATE FEEDBACK/COMMENT FROM THE TEAM.
 - a. DEFINE CEO ROLE/MONITORING OF DECOMMISSIONING - CONFER WITH BETSY F.
 - b. DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE TO BE PRESENTED TO PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF FURTHER FINANCIAL ANALYSIS IS NEEDED.
 - c. APPLICATION REPORTING – CEO WILL INFORM APPLICANT OF NO POWER GENERATION DURING ANY 6-MO PERIOD AND PROVIDE WARNING THAT NO POWER GENERATION MAY TRIGGER A DECOMMISSIONING NOTIFICATION TO OPERATOR OF RECORD.”
 - d. APPLICANT DECOMMISSIONING NOTICE (1 YR + 30 DAYS)
4. REVIEWED CARRIE'S DRAFT COMMERCIAL WIND ORDINANCE V1.0 AND INCORPORATED FEEDBACK INTO V1.1 DRAFT:
 - a. GRAMMAR /WORDING ADJUSTMENTS
 - b. CHECKED CROSS-REFERENCING TO STATUTES / ORDINANCE SECTIONS
 - c. PERMIT FEE TABLE, 1.00 PER KW IS SUFFICIENT, ADJ WATTAGE
 - d. CLARIFIED APPLICANT VS. OPERATOR ROLES
 - e. PERMIT EXPIRATION 1 YEAR AFTER DATE OF APPROVAL
 - f. DBA STDS ADJUSTED (42 NITE, 55 DAY)
 - g. REMOVED UN-RELATED SOLAR PROCEDURES OR PROCESSES
 - h. UPDATE SITE LAW XREFS TO SLODA
 - i. REFINE STANDARDS:
 - VISUAL IMPACT, INCLUDED “EXPECTATIONS OF TYPICAL VIEWER”
 - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ADD “PRE/POST” DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS.
 - SAFETY CLARIFICATION FOR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT
 - NOISE / SOUND LEVEL PREDICTION –STRIKE XTRA PURE TONE LANGUAGE
 - EMERGENCY SERVICES ADD “FIRE CHIEF SHALL REQUEST ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR NEW PERSONNEL WHEN SUCH TRAINING IS NECESSARY.”
 - MAINTENANCE –LOCAL WATER SUPPLY = LOCAL WATER SHED; REMOVE “GROUND-MOUNTED”
 - j. REMOVAL OR POSTPONEMENT OF CWF REMOVAL IS DONE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SELECTBOARD.
5. DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDITIONS, CLARIFICATIONS FOR NEXT SESSION:
 - a. NORMALIZATION OF ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS (DIANE)
 - b. INCLUDE FORCE MAJURE DEFINITION (DIANE)

- c. CEO CLARIFICATIONS (AL/DIANE)
 - DETERMINE ROLE OF STATE VS. LOCAL CEO BETSY F.
 - CONFIRM CEL IS COMFORTABLE WITH CWF CERTIFICATION / COMPLIANCE
 - DEFINE CEO ROLE/ RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECOMMISSIONING / ENFORCEMENT
 - VERIFY CEO FEES
 - d. CHECK MET TOWER HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WITHIN EXISTING ORDINANCES
 - j. VERIFY PERMIT FEE TABLE, 1.00 PER KW IS SUFFICIENT
 - e. REWRITE SECTION 5 "PROCEDURES" ALIGN #10 ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE REVIEW, #11 APPLICATION REVIEW AND #12 APPLICATION HEARING PROCESSES WITH PLANNING BOARD PROCEDURES FOR PERMIT REVIEW/APPROVAL CYCLE. (AL TO REVISIT PROCESS)
6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN THROUGH APRIL 1 AND MAY 1, 2024.
LETTERS/EMAILS MAY BE SENT TO THE TOWN OFFICE AT
SELECTMEN@TOWNOFJONESPORT.COM OR MAILED TO TOWN OF JONESPORT, 70 SNARE CREEK LANE, ATTN: WINDMILL COMMITTEE.
- POST DOWNEAST WIND PRESENTATION BY ROBERT GEE ON TOWN WEBSITE
 - POST SUMMARIZATION OF SUBJECTS/FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC/COMMITTEE
7. ANTICIPATING A BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REP TO ATTEND A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING TO ADDRESS WETLANDS MANAGEMENT. DATE TBD.
8. THE NEXT WIND COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 18, 2024 @ 5PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE.
9. MEETING ADJOURNED 8PM.