

COMMERCIAL WINDMILL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES: APRIL 18, 2024, 5-7 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 9 MINUTES FOR POSTING ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.
3. REVIEW V1.2 ORDINANCE DRAFT:
  - a. INCLUDE CLARIFICATION OF STANDARDS, REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, & MONITORING WITH CEO AND PLANNING BOARD.
  - b. REVIEW DIANE'S DEFINITIONS INPUT, INCORPORATE NEW AND EDIT EXISTING DEFINITIONS.
  - c. ADD FORCE MAJEURE, UPDATE RESIDENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
  - d. CHOOSE DEFINITION MOST APPROPRIATE FOR RESIDENCE.
  - e. NORMALIZE DEFINITIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES & ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL SITE DEFINITIONS – USE LAND USE ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS.
  - f. USE CURRENT DAY/NIGHT DBA OF 42/55 INSTEAD OF XREF TO STATE DBA GUIDELINES. DECISION TO UPHOLD LOWEST STANDARDS.
  - g. ALTER APPLICANT & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS TO:  
*“COMPLAINTS SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE TOWN CEO AND RESPONDED TO 7 DAYS AFTER THE APPLICANT OR OPERATOR IS NOTIFIED.”*
  - h. MOVE PREAPPLICATION MEETING PROCESS FROM PROCEDURES SECTION 5 TO PROCEDURES, SECTION 7.
  - i. SECTION 8 PERMITS AND FEES:
    - CORRECT CEO FEE TO \$150 AND ADD CHARGE OF \$100 INSPECTION FEE FOR EACH TURBINE TO COVER TIME FOR TRAVEL/MILEAGE. AFTER THE FACT FEE REMAINS \$300. \$100 FEE WILL BE RECURRING.
    - REVISE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS FOR PLANNING BOARD.
    - ALTER APPLICATION HEARING FOR TYPE 3 AND 4 WINDMILL PERMITS TO REMOVE TOWN VOTE REQUIREMENT.
    - REMOVE SHORELAND ZONE ORDINANCE REFERENCE IN SECTION 15 STANDARDS.
4. ACCEPT CHANGES. GENERATE DRAFT VERSION 1.3 AND SEND OUT TO TEAM, PLANNING BOARD AND INTERESTED PUBLIC PARTIES FOR CONSTRUCTIVVE FEEDBACK.
5. DURING LEGAL REVIEW:
  - a. CLARIFY WHAT IS CONSIDERED A SUBSTANTIAL START
  - b. INQUIRE ABOUT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND ABILITY TO ASK FOR A DESCRIPTION OF HOW AND TO WHOM ENERGY PRODUCED WILL BE SOLD OR USED.
  - c. CLARIFY RESIDENCE DEFINITION

6. THE NEXT WIND COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 @ 5PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE.
7. MEETING ADJOURNED 7PM.