

Antrim Planning Board – Ad Hoc Committee

May 12, 2011

6:30 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendees:

Martha Pinello

Andy Robblee

Mary Allen

Barbara Gard

Benjamin Pratt

Eric Tenney

Guests/Public:

Charles Levesque

Cindy Crockett

1. Introduction (Martha)

Review of charge to ad hoc committee from Planning Board.

Introduction of ad hoc members.

Welcome to guests/public.

2. Committee organization (Martha)

Meetings will be Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m.

Time, place of committee meetings will be posted by Antrim Planning Department.

Group will not meet week of June 6-10 as most are attending related conference
in Marlboro, Mass.

Martha will act as convener for meetings.

Votes will be few; most decisions will be made by consensus after discussion.

Martha supports concept of minority reports, when appropriate, after discussion.

3. Rules of Conduct

All meetings and work sessions will be posted and are open to the public.

Appropriate evenings will be picked for meetings where public input is needed or
information needs to be shared with public.

Ad hoc members urged not to meet/talk individually with potential project
applicants.

Suggestion (Barbara) that members reveal to applicants or others who approach
them that such private discussions will be disclosed to ad hoc committee.

Eolian has contacted Ben in the past; he will call them to tell them of disclosure provision/process.

4. Business

A. Review of primary documents categories

- Antrim Zoning Ordinance
- Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review
- Open Space Report
- Master Plan
- State RSAs

Guiding documents are Open Space, Master Plan and relevant RSAs.

Controlling documents are Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision/Site Plan documents.

This is an important distinction. More weight is given to the guiding documents when developing new planning tools.

B. Assignments

General: Review documents; collect data; create summary of information/opinions.

Andy and Mary:

- Review current Antrim Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations
- What additions/changes needed to cover wind energy?

Barbara and Ben:

- Review of model ordinances gathered to date.

- Maine
- Michigan
- Scotland
- Others?

- Look for common topics covered in each (i.e. roads, decommissioning, etc)

Eric and Martha:

- Development/define nomenclature
- Need a solid "word bank" for definitions and descriptions
- Examples: alternate energy; renewable energy; wind energy

C. Other topics to be covered in future assignments

- a. Power company interaction; how wind energy projects are connected to the grid; ISO New England; PPA (power purchase agreements)

- b. Development of maps: base map, tax map, overlap for wind at 80-meters
Assistance can be provided by OEP and Southwest Region Planning
- c. Experience with wind energy in other states: Maine? Others?

D. "Brain Drain" Exercise

At the end of the meeting, Martha asked the committee to spend a few minutes in telling the others what their expectations were for the committee's work. Each member shared their thoughts in a "Brain Drain" exercise to help the other members understand "where they were coming from" and "where we want to go."

Minutes prepared by Mary Allen, ad hoc member

Amended and approved by Ad Hoc Committee on May 18, 2011.