

## Antrim Planning Board – Ad Hoc Committee

May 31, 2011

6:30 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Members attending:

Martha Pinello

Mary Allen

David Dubois

Barbara Gard

Robert Edwards

Guests:

Jesse Lazar

Charlie Levesque

Galen Stearns

**1. Agenda:** Martha passed the agenda for this meeting.

**2. Minutes:** Members approved the draft minutes of May 25, 2011, meeting with three changes:

- The name of the group will be Ad Hoc Committee; this is not a subcommittee of the Planning Board. The committee is a work group, similar to the Master Plan task force, and is not wholly a subcommittee of the Antrim Planning Board.
- Mary will add the two attachments sent by Barbara Gard.
- Also to be added: Martha's outline on "What industrial wind ordinance/regulations must conform to."

**3. Resignation:** Ad Hoc members learned that Andy Robblee has resigned from the committee. We discussed whether to continue with just six members or to ask the Planning Board to name a replacement. The decision was to consult with the full Planning Board as soon as possible and ask for their guidance.

**4. Work schedule and deliverables:** Martha passed out a timeline for the committee's work schedule and deliverables. There was some discussion about the tight schedule and whether it was too aggressive. The decision was to continue with assigned tasks and adjust as needed.

**5. Site Plan Regulations Review:** Mary reported that her review of the current site plan regulations was complete. She will call Andy Robblee to see if they can still confer on the work he did on this project and she will incorporate his suggestions into her work.

It was also agreed that SWRPC should be consulted when a draft is ready.

Mary will report back on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Work on new ordinance.** This was the fullest discussion of the meeting and continued for some time. Barbara, Bob and Dave all reported on their work and offered suggestions for our next direction.

The general consensus was that some excellent examples of fully developed wind energy ordinances are available in Maine and Massachusetts. The greatest interest in the wind energy ordinance developed for Phillips, Maine, with additional topics of interest spelled out in the regulations for Jackson, Maine.

Members agreed with Dave's suggestion to take the Phillips ordinance, copy it electronically, and use it as a template. References to Maine laws and governmental bodies would have to be changed, but having a working document to change, edit or expand on was deemed a good idea.

Dave will take on this work and share a sample document electronically. If this is a workable approach, the new "Antrim document" can be used as a foundation instead of writing an ordinance from scratch.

**7. Review of prior public hearings on zoning changes.** Mary will review minutes for the prior public hearings on zoning changes and develop a list of topics to be covered in the public input meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **9. Upcoming meetings, dates.**

- a. The hearing portion of the SEC jurisdiction process starts June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. The New England Wind Energy Education Project conference and workshop will be held in Marlborough, Mass., on Tuesday, June 7, 2010. Martha Pinello, John Robertson, Andy Robblee, Dave Dubois, Barbara Gard, Mary Allen and Mike Tatro will attend.
- c. The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will be Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 a.m.
- d. Information will be sent out to local papers and through town channels (website and listserv postings) asking for public input at the evening meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **9. Items to be considered at future meetings:**

- a. NH OEP/SWRPC review and off-site consultation (site plan review ... soon)
- b. tower siting and setbacks (info from American Wind Energy Assoc.?)
- c. interconnection (Martha to deal with later)

d. possible tours of the Lempster wind project and the Searsburg, Vt., wind projects.

Minutes prepared by Mary Allen, Ad Hoc Committee member

Minutes approved as written, June 15, 2011.