

Town of Orland, Maine
Planning Board
Minutes December 1, 2014

1. Attendance

MacBrayne called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board Members Present: MacBrayne, Giosia, Johnson, Orcutt (Alt.)

Board Members Absent: Leavitt, Wood, Cook (Alt.)

Members of Public Present: Ed Rankin, Ralph Gonzalaz and Lester Stackpole (Selectmen),
Gerry Guse (CEO), Norman and Pam Letarte, Nikki Fox

2. Minutes of November 3, 2014 meeting

No minutes available, tabled until next meeting.

3. Communications and Chair Comments

A. Eolian had contacted MacBrayne on November 11th and 24th to say they would not present a visual impact assessment and pre-application at this meeting as planned.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

None.

6. Other Business

A. Rankin explained that the Selectmen have decided to hold a public hearing and Town vote by secret ballot to see if the Town will vote to enact a moratorium allow on Wind projects. The Selectmen have written a letter "To The Citizens of the town of Orland" explaining their position and their reasons for the proposed public hearing and vote.

MacBrayne objected saying Rankin had told him that there was nothing presented in the petition that warranted a moratorium in the opinion of the town's attorney.

Johnson stated that, legal opinions aside, he didn't think that anything the selectmen had proposed was illegal under the state statute, and thanked the Selectmen for their position.

B. Fees. Fees for Site Plan Ordinance applications and reviews were discussed again. MacBrayne suggested a \$50 application fee and building assessment fee of \$.25 per square foot for the first floor/footprint, and \$.10 per square foot each additional floor or story.

Orcutt moved to recommend MacBrayne's suggested fee schedule to the Selectmen. Giosia seconded. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

7. CEO Report

Guse made a brief oral report on activities by Esty, Jacques, Hilton, Goshlin.

8. Public Questions/Comments

Pam LeTart asked the Board if water springs are considered bedrock wells under the wind ordinance. Concerned that blasting for wind turbine foundations could harm natural water springs arising on their property.

Guse said similar concerns were addressed on Verona Island prior to blasting for the new bridge. He said it was determined that springs do not come out of the bedrock.

Nikki Fox asked if the Selectmen's letter would be mailed to all residents. Rankin said it would.

9. Next Meeting

January 5, 2015

10. Adjourn

Unanimous vote. 7:35 PM