

Town of Orland, Maine
Planning Board
Minutes November 3, 2014

1. Attendance

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

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

Board Members Absent: Cook (Alt.)

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

2. Minutes of October 6, 2014 meeting

Leavitt moved to accept /approve minutes as submitted, Wood seconded. Vote: 5 yes, 0 no.

3. Communications and Chair Comments

A. MacBrayne had received a phone call from a citizen wishing not to be named, who has concerns about Wardwell Construction activities at the old bowling alley property off of Route 46. Concerns stem from rock crushing and gravel and stone processing and stockpiling.

Since the use is commercial in nature, Board discussion revolved around whether there is a need for site plan permitting or if the use is grand-fathered based length of time the property has been used in that manner. It was suggested that this was a matter for Code Enforcement to determine if there is a violation.

B. Eolian had contacted MacBrayne to say they would not attend this meeting as planned, but they expect to attend the December meeting where they will present a visual impact assessment and seek to go through a pre-application meeting.

MacBrayne said that the Wind Power Ordinance strongly encourages applicants to go through the pre-application process with the CEO, but that he thinks it should be with the full Planning Board. There was much discussion about the venue for meetings dealing with the anticipated application to be moved to the conference room at the Community Center.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

None.

6. Other Business

A. Rankin explained that the Selectmen have decided to hold a public informational meeting to allow the group "Friends of Dodge Hill" to present their views on the anticipated Eolian wind project. The "Friends" will have opportunity to explain why they oppose the project and outline how and why they think the Orland Wind Power Ordinance should be revised/amended.

Open discussion will be strictly limited to assure an orderly meeting. The meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014, 7:00pm at the Orland Community Center Conference Room. Although this is a meeting facilitated by the Selectmen, Rankin asked for the Planning Board to attend.

B. Fees. The Selectmen will review proposed fee schedules from other municipalities provided to them by Planning Board members. This item remains open.

C. It was briefly discussed again as to how board members can receive packets of information sufficiently prior to meetings. This item remains open.

7. CEO Report

Guse made a brief oral report on activities by Esty, Jacques, Snipes, Gaspar and Wright. There was general discussion about how after-the-fact permits are allowed.

8. Public Questions/Comments

Pam LeTart asked the Board what is the maximum height of wind towers allowed under the current ordinance. It was suggested the ordinance does not specify that standard.

9. Next Meeting

December 1, 2014.

10. Adjourn

Unanimous vote. 8:15 PM