

## Sumner Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee meeting

6- 21-2011

### Attending:

IWOC Members- Dan Perron, Ed Hinshaw, Larry O'Rourke, John Allen, Jim Durfee, Steve Perry, Lana Pratt, Jessica Doe, Kathy Emery, Diane Todd, Jeff Pfiefer, and secretary James Gammon.

Select Board Members- Mary Ann Haxton, Glenn Hinckley, and Mark Silber.

Audience- Sheri Fowler, Ingrid Eriksson, Dwight Dwinal, Jackie Dwinal, P. D. McFarland, Mary Jackie, Susan Runes and Tom Standard reporting for the Sun Journal.

### Minutes:

Oath of office signatures obtained from 10 Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee (IWOC) members, five appointees were not present at the meeting.

Daniel Perron nominated for chair, elected unanimously.

James Gammon nominated pro temore for the position of IWOC secretary pending appointment to the IWOC, elected unanimously.

A request was made by the IWOC for James Gammon to be appointed to the IWOC by the selectboard.

Motion moved and seconded to use the Maine Moderator Manual during the IWOC meetings. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

Mark Silber suggested the use of a Facebook group page for the dissemination of information for the IWOC and the use of a specific e-mail for the IWOC.

Motion moved and second to place all meeting minutes and documents pertaining to the IWOC on the Town website, approval of the IWOC would be necessary prior to posting. Call to vote, the motion carries unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded for a folder or box to be placed in the town office containing hard copies of IWOC minutes and documents, as well as, a suggestion box for public input. The beginning of each IWOC meeting the suggestions will be read. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made to have Mark Silber administer and set up a Facebook group account for the IWOC. Membership would be based upon residency and/or land-ownership in Sumner. A post will be placed on the Town of Sumner website directing interested citizens to the Facebook account. The motion was retracted.

Motion moved and seconded to have a subcommittee address and report back all electronic communication options available to the IWOC headed by Steve Perry. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded to have Informational meeting(s) for the purpose of educating the public in regards to wind power arranged by the Selectmen and a subcommittee of IWOC members including Kathy Emery and Lana Pratt. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

The possibility of informal meetings to allow the townspeople to voice their opinions on wind power was discussed, no motion.

Motion moved and seconded to have weekly meetings for the IWOC. Call to vote: 2 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstaining, motion overturned.

Jeff Pfeifer provided several documents pertaining to windpower issues for the IWOC's consideration.

Document #1-legal issues.

The town cannot ban windpower outright, although it can regulate it.

Public notice for meetings is required when three or more committee members meet, public notice is not needed for informal information gathering or when two committee members meet with an outside "expert".

Document #2- possible research topics.

Three main categories: Environmental and Health & Safety, Legal Issues, and Financial considerations.

Document #3- Draft Subcommittee Research Protocol.

Document #4- conflict of interest from the Montville Wind Turbine Ordinance.

Clarification was requested for the goal of the ordinance. Several answers were given, although no motion was made, or consensus reached.

1. The ordinance is to protect the citizens of the town and the interests of town taxpayers.
2. To make the best financial decision for the town.
3. To develop a regulation to deal with the first two goals that is fair and deal honestly with the wind power issue.
4. No physical harm to the citizens of the town, then consider the financial aspects for the town.

Two major topics of concern were voiced about the education of the citizens of the Town of Sumner pertaining to the Industrial Wind Power Ordinance.

1. The results of approving vs overturning the Wind Power Ordinance.
2. To educate the public about the pros and cons of industrial wind power.

Motion moved and seconded to have a subcommittee, including Edwin Hinshaw, Jeff Pfeifer, and John Allen, who will work with Susan Runes to review wind power ordinances from other towns. Motion and seconded to an amendment to select ordinances that reflect the full spectrum available ordinances in Maine, including most restrictive and most permissive. Two ordinances will be selected for review by the IWOC. Call to vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded to establish a subcommittee, Jeff Pfeifer, Diane Todd, Larry O'Rourke, and Kathy Emery, to identify 5 main issues for the formation of specific subcommittees. Call to vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded to change the IWOC meeting to every other Thursday from 7-9 pm, starting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Call to vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded that the secretary pro tempore will draft a calendar for the next several months depicting meetings of the IWOC. Call to vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion moved and seconded to close meeting, call to vote, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by James Gammon.