

Sumner Industrial Wind Ordinance Committee (IWOC) Meeting minutes

October 27, 2011

IWOC members: Kathy Emery (Chair), Jessica Doe (Vice-Chair), Jeffery Pfeiffer, John Allen, Lawrence O'Rourke, Lana Pratt, Thomas Obear, Stephen Perry, and Diane Todd.

The IWOC meeting commenced at 7 pm at the Sumner Town Office.

Attending:

IWOC board members- Kathy Emery, Jessica Doe, Jeff Pfeiffer, John Allen, Lana Pratt and Larry O'Rourke.

Select Board Members- Mary-Ann Haxton and Daniel Perron.

Public- Jackie and Dwight Dwinal, Ingrid Erikson, Ted Dewicki, Walter Jasmiewski, Tom Standard, James McCarthy, and Marty Elkin.

Reading of previous meeting minutes.

M & S to accept the minutes as read. CTV carries unanimously.

Discussion of 10/26 educational meeting and ethics violation by Kathy Emery.

M & STo censure Jeff Pfeiffer from any further IWOC activity

Letter from Stephen and Bobbie Peters read and attached.

Call to vote 5 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion is denied.

Discussion of the most important components of the community input received from last evening and decisions on Ordinance inclusion.

Discussion of economic section having been seen as too strict by the public. Possibility that the "going out to bid section of the ordinance being confusing."

M & S that the IWOC has an emergency meeting at 9am 10/28 and 10/29 at the Sumner town hall of all IWOC members that can attend to work on ordinance draft.CTV. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of whether or not there is any place within Sumner that an IWEF would be placed with the suggested setbacks.

Suggestion that the map of Sumner be marked on each mountain top with the different proposed setbacks.

Discussion of 4 areas that were brought up at the meeting: 1. Setback, 2. Sound (dab), 3. What are the possible sites for turbine development with the possible setbacks?

1. Many believe anything less than a mile would be irresponsible due to health reasons. Due to the fact

that sound carries greater over any great pond, and Sumner has 4 great ponds, we should add .25 miles to buffer sound levels that may carry over water. It is also the consensus that anything over 2 miles would prohibit any economic opportunity for the town.

2. The IWOC health subcommittee recommended a 35 dba limit for audible sound and provided compelling information for the IWOC's consideration. This combined with an 89% favorable support by the public attending the October 26th educational meeting, this limit will be endorsed by the IWOC.

3. Ingrid has volunteered to talk to Henry Arsenault about making a map of how many homes would be included in differing setbacks.

M & S to end the meeting at 10:07pm CTV carries unanimously