

Sumner Industrial Wind Power Ordinance Committee

Minutes 6-30-2011

Attending: Committee members- Dan Perron, Larry O'Rourke, Ed Hinshaw, John Allen, Kathy Emery, Diane Todd, Lana Prett, Tom Obert, Jessica Doe, Jim Durfee, and Jeff Pfeffier. James Gammon as acting secretary. Selectboard members- Mark Silber. Audience- Joanna Reese, Sheri Fowler, Walter Jasniewski, Mark Jamison, Ingrid Eriksson, Jackie and Dwight Dwinal, and Dorathy Hinshaw,

Reading of previous meetings minutes

Motion and seconded to accept the minutes as read with the inclusion of those attending to the previous meeting minutes. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

Motion and seconded to recommend to the selectboard that this committee be closed to membership. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

Status of the suggestion box, Ed Hinshaw will check with Susan.

Motion and second to have James Gammon and Dan Perron screen the suggestions for the next meeting. All suggestions will be available to the full IWOC board. Ed Hinshaw will ensure that a box is placed in the town office. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motion to have James Gammon and Dan Perron send a draft agenda to the IWOC members, town e-mail list, town website, and the box three days in advance of the following meeting, any additions will be sent to James and Dan 24 hours in advance of the following IWOC meeting. Call to vote, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion to open dialogue with a representative of Clear Sky.

Motioned and seconded that subcommittees should be able to contact Clear Sky, other wind development groups, MMA, other towns and etc. in their information gathering and fact finding efforts. These communications will be in writing and available to all committee members and the general public. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motioned and seconded to allow Jackie Dwinal to speak to the IWOC. Concern was expressed about working with the wind developer in the development of the ordinance. The IWOC response was that this committee should be able to verify the statements made by the potential wind developers. Openness and transparency and a strict code of ethics need to be expressed in regards to the IWOC and its subcommittees communication with potential developers.

Electronic communication subcommittee status report. Steve Perry chairman.

Motioned and seconded to accept the report as read from the electronic communication subcommittee. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motioned and seconded to have this committee use a facebook group account to facilitate an open dialogue. Membership on the group account is voluntary. The IWOC approves the use of the town website as a means of providing information to the citizens of Sumner. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motioned and seconded to have Kathy Emery and Jessica Doe administer the Facebook account. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

The definition of a stakeholder for the use of the administrator of the Facebook account was discussed. A stakeholder is a tax payer in the Town of Sumner. A stakeholder in the Town of Sumner must be an individual, corporations are excluded.

Motioned and seconded that the administrators of the Facebook account are in charge of determining whether the people requesting access to the facebook group account are stakeholders. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motioned and seconded to include Clear Sky's proposal with a disclaimer on all the communication channels. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

The IWOC was informed that Mark P. of Clear Sky will address the citizens of the Town of Sumner at the Town office on Thursday July, 21st at 7 pm.

Motioned and seconded that the informational subcommittee will meet with the selectboard in regards to the July 21st informational meeting with Clear Sky. The informational subcommittee will send a list of questions that the IWOC would like answered to the selectboard, to be presented to the representative of Clear Sky for their response at the informational meeting. Motion retracted.

Motioned and seconded to allow Joanna Reese to speak. Call to vote, carries unanimously. It was suggested that an opposing view to that of Clear Sky is presented by another representative at the informational meeting on July 21st.

Motioned and seconded that a recommendation is made to the selectboard that they consult with the IWOC prior to the arrangement of informational meetings. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Motioned and seconded to allow Jackie Dwinal to speak. Suggestion that an opposing view be presented at the July 21st informational meeting.

Motion to allow the representative from Clear Sky participate on the July 21st meeting, motion withdrawn.

Motioned and seconded to have the IWOC informational subcommittee contact the selectboard by e-mail immediately to ask Clear Sky to postpone their informational meeting till August 18th. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Selection of examples of wind ordinances. The wind power ordinances from the Town of Phillips and the Town of Buckfield were selected.

Motioned and seconded to accept the Towns of Phillip's and Buckfield's wind power ordinances and two documents collected by the sample wind ordinance subcommittee, Sub 1. Summary Studies-of the five following town wind turbine ordinances with back-up data verbatim. Sub 2. Friends of Maine's Mountains-considerations for Towns that may Become the site for Wind Developments. These documents will be included in the three-ring binder in the town office, placed on the town website, and distributed to the IWOC members. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

The Five major issues subcommittee status report.

Motioned and seconded to seek by volunteer two people for each of the five items. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Five Major issues for the formation of subcommittee's.

1. Health-Lana Pratt, Jeff Pfiefer
2. Safety-Ed Hinshaw, Jim Durfee
3. Economic-Larry O-Rourke, Steve Perry (possibly), John Allen
4. Legal-Jeff Phiefer,
5. Environmental-James, Tom, Jessica, Kathy, Diane

Motioned and seconded to use Document # 3"research protocols" from the previous meeting with the addition of reading the four documents accepted by the subcommittee for the selection of wind ordinances prior to following the guidelines put in place by document #3. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

Sheri Fowler offered the use of the Old West Sumner Grange for the use of IWOC meetings.

Motioned and seconded to accept document #21 , to address ethical considerations. An ethics subcommittee will collaborate with the MMA in the development of a code of ethics. Call to vote, 10 for, 1 against.

Motioned and seconded to close the meeting, call to vote, carries unanimously.

Minutes taken by James Gammon