

Town of Greenwood
Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017

Item 1: Roll Call/Introductions

Meeting started at 5:00pm at the Greenwood Town Office

Kim gave the Committee a letter from Committee Member, Becky Secret who was unable to attend the meeting tonight and a letter from resident, Kathy Ford.

Item 2:

Sworn in

Committee Members, Larry Merlino, Jim St. Germain, Dennis Doyon, Jessie Frederickson, Betsey Foster, Brad Payne, and Paul Marcolini all took their oath to be regular Committee Members. Tyler Bennett had taken his oath before the meeting. Becky Secret is absent from Meeting. Kim will have her stop by the office to take her oath before the next meeting.

ORC Responsibilities/tasks

John Maloney from AVCOG asked the Committee what they thought their responsibilities/tasks were with being on this committee.

A fair and equitable process to all.

Revisit current wind regulations and update them per deficiencies discussed at Town Meeting and to have some mechanism that when technology changes the ordinance can be amended.

Review in the short term – wind regulations.

We are here to represent the citizens, being concerned with their health and safety and our Community's culture. Updating the wind regulations should be done expidientially.

Mutual optimum gains. Work on our laundry list and develop policy.

All agreed that this process should be done as soon as possible – no need for delay.

Committee Rules (see attachment)

The Committee agreed that there should be a public comment item on each agenda. The Committee agreed that they would try for public comment to be first on the agenda – say the first

10 minutes of the meeting. It was agreed that if they found this didn't work they would discuss and revisit.

Item 3: Review list of supporting documents

Kim explained that she had copies of all of these items for everyone to review. John Maloney asked that everyone become familiar with the Comprehensive Plan and the Site Plan Ordinance.

Comprehensive Plan

Site Plan Review Ordinance

Town Attorney Jim Katsiaficas documents

Public Hearing list of deficiencies

Item 4: New Business

Needed resources-personnel and financial

John Maloney asked the Committee to consider if they wanted to have experts in Wind or Sound - it would be up to the Committee to let John and Kim know so they could make that happen. There is a professional fee reimbursement on file for up to \$ 10,000 that can be used for consultants and the Town Attorney review.

Select chair, vice chair, and secretary (see attachment)

Kim explained that she would be attending all of the meetings to be the recording Secretary and would do the minutes of the meetings. She explained that the Secretary of the Committee would not need to worry about minutes but might be needed from time to time to sign documents on behalf of the Committee.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Larry Merlino as Chair. Vote 7-0. Motion passes.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Paul Marcolini as Vice Chair. Vote 7-0. Motion passes.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Brad Payne as Secretary. Vote 7-0. Motion passes.

Establish time frame

Chair Merlino asked if everyone agreed to get to work on these wind regulations right away. The Committee agreed that it was important to move this work along as quickly as they could. Betsey asked what the process would be once the Committee was done with their work. Kim explained that the Selectmen and Town Attorney would review the amendments. Depending on the review from them – it might be sent back to the Committee for more work. If Selectmen accept draft, they would then schedule a public hearing. Depending on what happens at the

hearing – the document might be returned to the Committee for more review or the Selectmen could schedule a Special Town Meeting and bring it to vote.

Chair Merlino asked the Committee how often they would like to meet. The Committee decided to meet the first and third Thursday of each month and agreed to meet more often if needed.

Item 5: Next Meeting date/time

The Committee decided to hold their meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month. Start time will be at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be June 1st

Jessie asked the Board to consider setting the next meeting agenda at the meeting they are in that way everyone will know what is on the agenda for the next meeting and can prepare accordingly.

Chair Merlino stated that they would make a plan at the next meeting on how to work thru the list of items and other documents. He stated that they would set up specific time frames and focus on clarity and reality.

Item 6: Comments from the Public

Alec Jarvis, from Calpine asked that the Committee use a science based approach while working on this and that he has many valuable resources available if the Committee needs them.

Dave Fowler from Next Phase Energy stated that he could arrange a trip to area Wind Farms if the Committee would like to go visit any of them.

Norman Millett, Greenwood resident stated he had no comment at this time.

Item 7: Adjourn –

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Vote 8-0. Motion passes.

