

Town of Greenwood

Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2017

Item 1: Call the Meeting to Order/Determine quorum – Chair Merlino called the meeting to order at 5:45pm. All were present.

Larry Merlino, Chairman  
Paul Marcolini, Vice Chair  
Brad Payne, Secretary  
Tyler Bennett  
Betsey Foster  
Jessie Frederickson  
Jim St. Germain  
Dennis Doyon  
Becky Secrest

It was moved and seconded to accept the meeting minutes of May 18, 2017. Vote 9-0. Motion passes and minutes accepted.

Item 2: Citizen/Public comments – 10 Minutes

- A. Kevin Casey, land owner in Greenwood off Greenwood Road and Woodstock - along North Pond in Oak Hill looking towards Mt. Abrams. Stated that he will be impacted by the proposed windmills. Mr. Casey stated that these Wind Towers will hurt our communities in the long term as we are a vacation area and our views will be impacted by these towers. Mr. Casey stated his concerns with the property values dropping and asked who would want to buy a lot or property that has a view of wind towers. He stated that there are several lots currently for sale that no one will buy. He suggested that the Towns focus on new homes that would add value to the area.
  
- B. Alec Jarvis of Calpine, stated that he submitted a statement to the Committee regarding the list of deficiencies. He stated that he would like to address the two ordinances that the group would be reviewing – Sumner and Bethel. He stated that the Bethel Ordinance has key provisions in there that if Greenwood adopted would prohibit wind. He stated if that was the route the Committee wants to take – that's fine. He stated that they would like to know that as well. He stated that if Greenwood were to enact a 250' height limit then effectively they will not be able to do the project.

Item 3: Committee Member comments - 10 minutes

A. Committee member, Betsey Foster stated that at the last meeting she was surprised that Calpine representatives were in attendance and she found out that it was legal and asked her attorney about it. She stated that she was advised that most business people if you say to them it's not comfortable to have them sit here while we are working on and developing an ordinance, they usually cease to attend. Betsey stated that Mr. Jarvis has stated that he is willing to provide any information the Committee needs as has Mr. Fowler. Betsey requested that Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Fowler and the Calpine representatives not attend the meetings until they are asked to come or asked for information.

Chair Merlino stated that this is a public meeting and all are able to attend.

B. Committee Member, Jim St. Germain stated that he felt it was critical that the Calpine reps were present and that the meetings were open and fair to all. Jim stated he felt it would be good to have them present as the Committee might have questions for them.

C. Committee Member, Betsey Foster reminded everyone that the Committee wasn't here to serve the needs of industry but to serve our residents.

Item 4: Review List of Deficiencies developed at the Public Hearing on March 15, 2017 to determine if Site Plan and the Wind Power Amendment address any of the deficiencies.

(List attached)

The Committee reviewed the list of deficiencies. The Committee agreed that some of the items on the list were in the Site Plan Ordinance already. John Maloney agreed to review the Town's ordinances to determine what items were already addressed. John will get a document to us by the next meeting that will list out what we do have and then the Committee can determine if each of those items is adequate or needs to be updated.

The Committee was confused by one of the items – No language for Flash Points.??? Kim stated that she would review the minutes to see who had that concern and she would contact them to find out what they meant by it. Betsey stated she would also research the flash point issue. The Committee also asked for a copy of the Professional Fee Reimbursement Agreement between Calpine and the Town.

Item 5: Develop a plan of action based on above review.

The Committee agreed to work on the list of deficiencies - working on the quick fix items first and then working on the more time consuming items such as noise, sound impacts etc.

Item 6: Next Meeting is June 15, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Greenwood Town Office

Item 7: Adjourn – It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm Vote 9-0.  
Meeting adjourned.