Town of Greenwood

Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018

(a digital recording exists of this meeting)

**Item 1: Call the Meeting to Order/Determine quorum – Chair Merlino called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.**

 Larry Merlino, Chairman

 Brad Payne, Secretary

 Tyler Bennett

 Jessie Frederickson

 Jim St. Germain

 Dennis Doyon

 Becky Secrest

 Rob Lally

 Kim Sparks, Recording Secretary

 Absent:

 Paul Marcolini

 John Maloney, AVCOG

**Item 2: Comments from the Citizens/Public**

Jill Powers, property owner – Jill asked that when the document says the facility produces short duration sounds – do we have a definition of short – is it ten minutes, is it an hour. Chair Merlino asked if she was referring to the changes that were written by John Maloney. Jill said these items aren’t highlighted in the document and asked if it would be possible to revisit them. Jill stated it was on page 3 under “short repetitive sounds”. Jill asked for them to review page 4 under night time construction and asked if there was a process for that or a review by anyone for the duly issued permit for nighttime construction. Jill stated on page 8 questioned where the 4 to 5 feet come from for the microphone height and wondered if they should be higher as the towers are 600’ tall. Jill questioned on section F that wind speeds should be measured when they are at 12mph and asked why they use 12mph..What is the reasoning for this. Jill asked them to review page 15 as it stated that the wind turbine can’t be shut down and asked why wind turbines can’t be shut down. Jill asked them to review page 16 where it says the responsibility to get in contact with us is 72 hours and that is three days and is that working days or exclude holidays. Chair Merlino asked if Jill could submit her written questions to the Committee so when they get to the discussion phase they could review them.

**Item 3: Comments from Committee**

Tyler stated that he is sure everyone is aware that Paul has stepped down from the Committee and if anyone would like to join Becky and him on the subcommittee he would appreciate it. Brad stated he would be willing to work on the subcommittee.

Jessie stated that they needed to consider seeking extra legal advice outside of the Town’s Attorney and there are two reasons for that - 1. Originally they gave us advice that we can’t ban commercial wind turbines but we heard from Mark Bergeron from the Maine DEP that we can ban them and other Towns have these ordinances that ban them so I think that shows proof that we can ban them and he gave bad advice to the Town; and 2. In regards to the group of three members that will be meeting tomorrow afternoon and the legal advice we have was quick to say that was fine and she read Paul Marcolini’s email:

 *Kim,*

*So that I understand, we've put months into the work on this and now in one (or even several meetings) a group of our own committee is going to send a competing document and the Selectman are going to entertain that document?  That negates all work we have put into this.  I can't understand that rational by the Selectman.  If they were not members of the committee it would be a different story.*

*I would also suggest that our attorney needs to speak with the AGs office on legality of this.  There was a case against a "special meeting" brought against Maine EMS and the state Medical Director last year.  The Medical Director was holding a separate meeting from the overall committee to do work to undermine the committee's work.  The AGs office sided with the committee and sited the Maine statute about meetings.  The fact that this second meeting included members of the overall committee, made it illegal.*

*In my understanding, if every one of our committee members has different positions on the ordinance, then we can all submit our own individual positions to the Selectman for consideration?  What then is the purpose of the committee?  Why then did we vote, and put time into the development of a plan, since it appears it means nothing in the long run.*

*Paul*

Jessie stated that it is her understanding that Paul has had experience with this where members of a committee met outside of the subcommittee to do work incongruent with the work of the Committee; it got taken to court and the Attorney General’s Office decided that they would have to form a subcommittee from the Committee because they were members. Jessie stated that she didn’t know but perhaps the Town’s Attorney should call the Attorney General’s Office and bring it up at the Selectmen’s Meeting to question the legality of it and other than just saying that is was fine. Jessie stated that she isn’t a lawyer so she can’t say that it is fine or not and these are legal steps that need to be taken. Jessie stated that misunderstanding is a large part of why Paul has decided to resign so perhaps we should be more cautious and seek more legal advice on all of these things as it appears that what we are getting is not exactly like a bulldog lawyer that is going to protect the Town’s best interest. Chair Merlino stated that he is the Town’s Attorney. Jessie stated that doesn’t mean he is a good Attorney. Chair Merlino stated that the Selectboard has decided who to use for an Attorney and he believes the Selectboard has decided to not take any action other than what we decide and give them. Jessie stated ok, and stated that she will have to go to the Selectmen to ask them. Chair Merlino stated that the Committee had a job to do, and to get the document to the Selectboard so they could refer it to the Town’s Attorney and the Attorney will review it for correctness, language and whether or not it passes all the legal muster as far as an ordinance goes, and then the Selectboard will bring it to the Town for a vote via a hearing. Jessie stated sure, that there is plenty of legal advice and how do we go about seeking a second legal opinion with all of the questions that come up. Chair Merlino stated firstly, that they don’t believe that they need a second legal opinion. Jessie stated that Larry might believe that but she does not and if this was a personal law case that involved her and she had a lawyer that was doing this she would fire them and get a new lawyer and there is no way that she would have this lawyer. Chair Merlino stated that this Committee could motion later in the meeting if they want a second opinion and the Committee could discuss this and decide how to go ahead. Jessie stated that she would do that. Chair Merlino stated that personally, this is a distraction that they don’t need, they are trying to get this across the finish line and we should be spending our time on view and the other issues that are on the agenda and move on, the job is Ordinance Review. Chair Merlino asked if anyone had written up anything on view. Brad stated that we don’t have a committee of three and that has nothing to do with us. Chair Merlino stated that is correct and we have one subcommittee and no subcommittee gets formed by this committee unless this committee decides there needs to be on. Jessie stated that what Paul is saying is that if members of the board do meet then that does count as forming a subcommittee. Chair Merlino stated that it does not count and Paul is wrong. Jessie stated then there is this case that needs to be checked with the Attorney General’s office to see if that is actually correct or not or how are you going to know if you don’t check with them and she doesn’t know why Paul would be making that up and this is why he resigned from the Committee. Jessie stated that she felt this was important to bring up. Chair Merlino stated that it could be brought up later on in the regular part of the meeting.

Dennis asked Jill Powers if she could get a list of the points that she brought up for their next meeting as there might be some research needed to go into what Jill wants addressed. Chair Merlino stated that most of that comes from the State and there is a portion in the Site Plan Review under definitions. Jill stated that she could submit her listing to Kim via email. Tyler stated that a lot of the things that Jill addressed on her list, the subcommittee will be working on next week.

Chair Merlino stated that he had a discussion with a Terry DeWan, Landscape Architect from York, Maine and he has the respect and admiration of the DEP and State of Maine with respect to view and all kinds of aspects that wind companies and concerned citizens get involved in when there is a project like this going on. Chair Merlino stated that Terry informed him that one of the concerns by one of the folks in our audience was that there will be lights up there that will impact our night vision and there is a radar system now. Chair Merlino explained that the radar system will detect if a plane is within a certain distance from the Towers then the lights on the towers will turn on and warn the plane of the towers. Chair Merlino stated that otherwise the lights are not on and this meets the requirements of the FAA so this will address our concern over lighting. Dennis stated that the company that developed this technology is called Laufer and it was submitted to the FAA and was approved in 2016 as far as he has been able to research and it reduces the amount of time a light needs to be on by 98%. Chair Merlino stated there is a development that is addressing a specific need and we need to discuss sensors and is another issue that we need to incorporate and this technology is moving and moving fast. Chair Merlino stated that he doesn’t know if it is expensive but it should not be their concern and should put this in the ordinance. Chair Merlino stated that the sensors actually control the Wind Tower and the way that they control it is when the sensor metric for sound, infrasound, and flicker, whatever is violated it will send a signal to the tower to stop. Chair Merlino stated that these farms are not even run locally and are run from a distant location. Chair Merlino stated this is not an easy task in front of them and they are trying to draft an ordinance that will allow the Planning Board to do its job without being tied in knots.

**Item 4: Review Minutes of January 18, 2018 & February 1, 2018**

Dennis motioned and Brad seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Vote 7-0. Motion passes. Minutes approved.

**Item 5: Review and decide on changes submitted by John Maloney to date –** see attached comments and suggested changes for future discussion with John.

**Item 6: Review written submissions by Committee in regards to view**

Chair Merlino stated that he had a discussion with Mr. DeWan and things are changing in the field. Chair Merlino stated that he learned more about what the National Park Service was doing in regard to review as Betsey Foster had mentioned at one of our previous meetings. Chair Merlino stated that what they are doing now is a photo simulation and they have the ability with today’s technology to see what it will actually look like. Mr. DeWan explained to Chair Merlino that they conduct several surveys and as part of the survey they will do this photo presentation and people can view the entire project via a computer program. Chair Merlino with respect to the survey approach would you locate here or build here or come back to this place and the results of this survey is most interesting as there is a segment that says are you kidding me and forget it and there is another segment that says that it is nice and they will come back and see that again. Chair Merlino stated that it is very interesting to hear what Mr. DeWan has to say and what he has seen with respect to that. Jessie asked where she could find more information about this. Chair Merlino stated he would give her his contact information. Chair Merlino stated that Mr. DeWan also mentioned historical sites and Chair Merlino will discuss with the Selectmen at their next meeting and he mentioned to Mr. DeWan that he thought the historical sites needed to be registered with the State and Mr. DeWan said they needed to be registered on the National Register. Chair Merlino stated that he asked Mr. DeWan for a price list from him to have him assist the Committee with view and he is waiting for a fee schedule to see if he is priced out of our market.

Chair Merlino asked if anyone had a chance to read the ordinance and is there any decision to keep what we have or to amend it. Tyler stated that he read thru it and it is difficult as a view can be so subjective. Tyler asked if Larry was going to discuss historical sites with the Selectmen. Chair Merlino stated that he asked Blaine Mills to be at the Selectmen’s meeting and they will discuss what needs to be added and what are the next steps. Jessie stated that the views can be subjective but there are other things that are not subjective like the maps and Comprehensive Plan and the Plan has many listings of places of importance to the Town like trails, ponds, and mountains and she guesses they could call them subjective but these are actual places. Jessie explained that is not like we are saying oh the view we are saying and have said in the plan that these are our gems and these are our resources and it is based on tourism and a majority of the money in the State comes from out of State people coming here to enjoy their second homes or vacations. Jessie stated that to some degree we need to honor that aspect of our economy and our future land use plan in the Comprehensive Plan has 10 items listed of which 6 of the 10 either say scenic locations, views, natural resources and agricultural resources and our whole town’s value is based on these important places that we have chosen to protect. Chair Merlino asked how we write something to embrace that. Dennis stated that it is already written and in the Comprehensive Plan. Dennis explained that the Comprehensive Plan is part of the overall Site Plan Review Ordinance and is included in the review process. Becky stated that the last time they decided they would reference why they made their decisions on these items they would refer back to the Comprehensive Plan. Jessie stated that they could pull direct comments out of the Comp Plan. Dennis stated that they need to be very careful because you need to leave the wording in the Ordinance to refer to the Comprehensive Plan then you will miss nothing during the review process. Dennis explained if you go and pick and choose just certain section of the plan and drop those into the ordinance then someone might argue that you have done away with the plan and negated the comprehensive plan …like you are saying here is what is important when the entire plan is important. Dennis stated that he is just cautioning them and to leave it alone and it doesn’t make any sense to try to go pick and choose. Jessie asked if there was some legal wording if they want to say something and pull a line out to emphasize a point without negating the entire plan. Dennis explained that as part of the Site Plan Review Application process the entire Comprehensive Plan is part of that review. Jessie asked if the application is up to the Planning Board or the Selectmen. Becky answered that it would be reviewed by the Planning Board. Rob asked if this is how it is done now. Chair Merlino answered that is how the Planning Board does it now and the applicant has to provide an assessment and then the Planning Board has to decide if the assessment is acceptable and determine if it is a complete application. Chair Merlino asked what other wording do we need to include or is what we have adequate to guide the Planning Board and this can be subjective and if we have a different Planning Board in two years will they interpret this the same way. Dennis stated that they would still have to follow the Comprehensive Plan. Tyler asked if the only way we could change it would be to say that no tower could be visible within sight of what is considered something from the comprehensive plan that way we are taking the protection further. Chair Merlino stated that he thinks it says the distance has to be something like three or four miles. Jessie stated that it says three miles. Chair Merlino stated that it has to be three miles distance away from something that is to be protected as listed in the Comprehensive Plan and identified as a scenic location, historical site, a protected site, churches, schools and things of this nature. Rob Lally questioned if it is broke and is there something wrong with the current way it is written. Tyler stated at this point we need to consider if there is a list or mapping that we would just be adding or updating what is not on those maps. Jessie stated that she thought the Town was preparing to do that. Dennis stated that if there is a committee member that goes thru the Comprehensive Plan page by page and there is something specific that they want to include in the wind ordinance you would need to say something like, “ in addition to the comprehensive plan we want to protect this\_\_\_\_\_\_”; otherwise to update the Comprehensive Plan to include something would take a Town vote. Dennis explained to update the Comprehensive Plan would be a long process so that would be the only way to do it at this point. Dennis stated that if we did not have an existing ordinance we would be having a totally different discussion. Jessie asked as an example on page I-12 of the Comp Plan, they are talking about planning area and natural resources and it says State goals, Town goals, and Planning issues and under the Planning issues it reads, “ *Scenic locations, view and road corridors are an important part of Greenwood’s character. Permanent loss of physical and/or visual access to these locations could alter the character of the community.”* Jessie stated that is a vague statement yet it is clear what is trying to come thru that statement and what is the danger of these guys quoting things like that in their written explanation. Chair Merlino stated there was nothing wrong with them using that for their explanation. Jessie stated that it doesn’t really seem dangerous to include these important items from the Plan. Kim explained that they could pull items out of the Plan to write their preamble to explain how the Committee arrived at their decisions but not to pull out items to be used in the amended ordinance. Jessie asked if the preamble would be part of the ordinance. Chair Merlino stated that it isn’t part of the ordinance and is a separate document that will be verifying why. Jessie stated then it would work for this subcommittee to pull items out of the plan that we used to determine the amended language. Dennis stated that it would be the subcommittee’s rationale as to what they will be using or not using from the Comprehensive Plan. Jessie stated that there is a lot of pertinent information in the Plan and they are talking about as they mention water sheds, flood plains, village area, and general growth areas and then in the general growth area section, “*Nonresidential development and expansion will be managed under Site Plan Review and Land Management Provisions because the future land use plan does not identify specific areas limited to commercial and manufacturing, compatibility criteria will be used to determine the suitability, entrance locations to minimize potential traffic hazards, noise, lighting, odor, smoke, signage, surface and ground water impacts, other environmental impacts, buffering and adverse impacts on residential locations.” (Top of page I-26).* Jessie stated that this proposal is obviously called into question just with this paragraph and she understands that it has to go thru the Site Plan Review and the Planning Board and this is the best that we have for zoning regulations as we don’t have commercial zoning in our Town and we have a proposal to put an industrial commercial zoned business in the middle of an residential area. Jessie stated that she feels that the Comp Plan shows that the Community is trying to protect themselves from something that would have traffic hazards, noise, lighting, odors, smoke, signage, and an impact on our environment and that is the protection. Dennis stated that there is no proposal. Jessie questioned that there was no proposal. Dennis stated there is no application or proposal to the Town for a CWEF before the Town at this time. Jessie asked what does a CWEF mean. Rob Lally explained that it meant a Commercial Wind Energy Facility. Chair Merlino explained that should one come up we need to have the Site Plan updated. Jessie stated that this Comprehensive plan holds the criteria that we need to protect our Town. Jessie stated that the only Commercial zone we have is down town Locke’s Mills and asked if they want to put a wind farm there and this is all that we have commercially zoned except for Mt. Abrams but they are their own entity. Tyler asked Jessie to let him know if there are any sections of the Plan that she would like him to reference in the work from the subcommittee.

Chair Merlino asked the question again if anyone had any changes to make. Becky stated that is she is hearing Dennis correctly, they can’t change the Comprehensive Plan. Chair Merlino said they could change the Comp Plan but it will take quite a bit of time and resources to do that and it would require a Town vote. Dennis explained any change to the Comp Plan would have to go thru a committee, public hearings and then to a Town vote. Brad asked if we could add to the Plan. Chair Merlino said they could but they would have to go thru this same process. Tyler agreed it would be a lot of work to start working on the Comprehensive Plan right now. Jessie stated that it is a valid document. Dennis stated that if the Committee wanted to add something to protect that isn’t in the current Comp Plan they would have to word it in the Site Plan Ordinance to include the Comprehensive Plan and…(insert what you want to protect). Jessie stated that we might have to touch upon this again because of this whole thing with Governor Lepage and what view means and this might all be totally changed in the next month or two anyways. Tyler stated that they need to remain focused on getting this work done and not focus on what the State is doing with their moratorium. Chair Merlino stated that the Comp Plan focuses on the Greenway is a focal point in the community, which is all of the Greenwood Road from Howe Hill Road to the Norway Town Line. Dennis stated that when ridgeline protections were attempted it was shot down by the Town and the Greenway only went back 75’ from the centerline of the road and as far as the location of the towers this is not even applicable. Chair Merlino stated that it would as far as a scenic resource and we want to make this all clear and transparent for the Planning Board and applicant to understand. Chair Merlino asked if they wanted to table this until the next meeting. Dennis asked that someone comes up with an addition or we just leave it alone. Rob stated that the Comp Plan is currently built into the review of the Site Plan and is included in the entire review process. Chair Merlino answered yes. Rob stated if it is not broke why are we trying to fix it and it is already part of the process. Chair Merlino asked if there were any changes to view or does the Committee want to leave it as it is. Dennis suggested that everyone review what we have and be ready at the next meeting to discuss if they have any amendments. Chair Merlino asked if everyone was comfortable leaving the items about view how they are presently written in our document. Becky stated that she was comfortable with what is there. Dennis answered yes as is Tyler. Chair Merlino stated that they know that the Comprehensive Plan is a focal point of their assessment based on part of the permitting process as the permittee has to provide a document to the Planning Board explaining what they are doing.

**Item 7: Commence discussions on the following items:**

1. **Sensors –** Chair Merlino read a section of Site Plan Review Ordinance– page 29.

Technical information shall be submitted describing the Applicant's plan and intent to make adequate provision for the control of noise. The applicant's plan shall contain information such as the following, when appropriate:

i Maps and descriptions of the land uses, local zoning and comprehensive plans for the area potentially affected by sounds from the facility.

ii A description of major sound sources, including tonal sound sources and sources of short duration repetitive sounds, associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed facility, including their locations within the proposed facility.

iii A description of the daytime and nighttime hourly sound levels and, for short duration repetitive sounds, the maximum sound levels expected to be produced by these sound sources at protected locations near the proposed facility.

iv a description of the protected locations near the proposed facility.

v A description of ~~proposed major sound control measures~~ **the major control measures that must include the latest technology on sensors** including their locations and expected performance **for audible, low frequency, and infrasound limits.**

vi A comparison of the expected sound levels from the proposed facility with the sound level limits of this regulation.

Chair Merlino stated that item 5 – roman numeral 5 above states: v *A description of proposed major sound control measures, including their locations and expected performance*. Chair Merlino suggests the following change: a description of the major control measures that must include the latest technology on sensors including their location and the expected performance audible, low frequency and infrasound limits. Chair Merlino that is a general statement that give the Planning Board the ability to demand from the applicant a list of what the most current technology is for these things with respect to sound sensors. Chair Merlino stated that the Planning Board has the ability to ask for additional items from the permittee like for instance: you don’t have to put sensors up all around the property but if someone complains you have to put a sensor up. Jessie asked why you wouldn’t require the applicant to just have the sensors installed before the complaints start coming in. Chair Merlino said it could go either way. Dennis stated that to just randomly put up sensors wouldn’t make a whole lot of sense. Chair Merlino stated it would only be done in protected areas not the entire perimeter. Dennis stated that the perimeter might be the protected and non-protected area and if you put in sensors where there is a complaint that would be verifiable but to randomly put up sensors when you don’t even know where the towers may or may not be. Jessie stated that people put up video cameras on their commercial properties to protect them and this is the cost of doing business and if you are a business and have put up a structure you need to make sure that it is operating safely and it is not asking a lot it is no different than mandating the business be required to do perimeter checks. Dennis asked if Larry could submit a copy of where he would put this in the current ordinance and give everyone a written copy of that and it might need to be added to other areas of the ordinance.

1. **Flicker –** Brad says he doesn’t see anything wrong with how it is presently written on page 26. Tyler stated that this is the Maine standard and that Michigan uses this as do a handful of others. Dennis stated unless someone else has come up with something that is radically different, he would leave it as it is written in the current Ordinance.
2. **Lighting –** Dennis said he would get the information about the company Laufer to Kim so she can get it out to everyone. Dennis stated that there have been several comments and concerns noted from folks about the lighting on top of these towers. Dennis stated that it is approved by the FAA. Tyler asked if he could get copies of that information. Dennis stated that he would get this to Kim to get to the Committee. Becky asked if it was the same company that Larry was referring too. Dennis stated it is a different company. Chair Merlino stated that he didn’t speak to a specific company just to the idea that the technology is there for this radar. Dennis stated with all of his research and reading, he has found that this is the only company that has received FAA approval. Brad asked if this information would change the statement that is in the ordinance. Dennis suggested that they research this and determine how it would fit into the current ordinance and they Committee may want to include this device in the language instead of just the FAA regulations. Rob suggested that they add the same language as stated before saying they need to use the latest, most up to date technology.

Chair Merlino stated that is what he was trying to do is one statement that will cover all the different aspects. Dennis stated that the one statement might need to be added to a couple of different spots in the Ordinance. Jessie stated that they could review other ordinance to see how they have included this. Dennis asked that Larry bring this back to the Committee in writing and he wants to see where else it should be included or not included in the ordinance. Dennis stated that Flicker is very well defined in our current ordinance and the lighting we all need to do some homework on. Chair Merlino asked if everyone was all set with Flicker on page 26 of the ordinance and felt that they should tighten that up a bit to say no more than so many hours in a day. Dennis stated he was fine with that but asked that they see what else is out there. Tyler stated in all of his research it has been pretty much consistently the language that we already have. Jessie stated that the Montville ordinance references 10 hours per year so she thinks they should take a look at what the other most recent ordinances have. Dennis stated that they have their homework for the next meeting. Chair Merlino said he would do the work on the sensors. Dennis is going to send the paperwork on the lighting to Kim to get this out to the Committee. Tyler said he would like to look more at flicker and would have something for the next meeting and that he like the suggestion from Larry to only have it for one day. Dennis stated to remember who knows when that day is going to happen. Becky stated that the sun is always moving. Chair Merlino stated that they have their homework and the concentration is on what we have and what we should do to it if anything as this is Ordinance Review.

**Item 8: Comments from the Citizens/Public**

Betsey Foster – Greenwood resident – Betsey stated she had two items. She said the Committee has been talking about scenic view shed and that no commercial wind development will be seen from a certain distance from that scenic site and she hopes they will include that directly into the ordinance. She stated that she didn’t hear any real discussion on it and it is very important. Betsey stated her second item would be in looking at sensors you need to place them before someone has a problem to protect the people of Greenwood. Chair Merlino stated that they were on the same page.

Dave Fowler – Calpine representative, Mr. Fowler said he just wanted to state for the record that Terry DeWan has worked for him on every wind project that he has been associated with. Chair Merlino stated he is a good man and knows his stuff. Betsey Foster stated then we do not want to use him. Dennis stated that was really unfair. Chair Merlino stated that Terry has worked for citizen groups as well. Betsey stated that this was a conflict of interest. Chair Merlino stated that he wasn’t so sure about that as he thinks that the knowledge and the approach would be more important. Betsey stated that there are a lot of knowledgeable people out there.

Ken Cole – Greenwood resident – Ken stated he was lucky enough to attend the last meeting where Fran Piccirillo of the Town Budget Committee was present and highlighted that the Towers would bring additional revenue to the Town that could be used for road upgrades. Ken stated that he doesn’t think the whole Highway Dept. thinks that is the carrot in front of the horse, and it’s not all about the money and we all need to consider more than that. Ken stated that the Town has a very comprehensive equipment and truck replacement plan and keep an updated fleet with state of the art equipment. Ken stated that Alan keeps a very tight budget and maintains as much as he can in house. Ken stated that we have a very impressive salt and sand structure and the truck drivers who deliver salt and sand comment on how well it is. Ken asked if we could do more yes but to do more that means more money. Ken explained that we have a well-planned out road maintenance schedule that has been working and we are able to get all of these things completed without wind or wind tower revenues. Ken stated to remember that better roads mean faster traffic or more traffic and to watch out for the bikers, hikers, and pets that use our roadways to view all of our scenic views. Ken stated that if our tax base increases because of the added value from the wind farm so does our County Tax increase and State funding for education will be reduced. Ken stated that everyone who reviews their tax bill will know that presently 60% of four tax bill goes to education and 20% to the County and 20% to the Town.

Stephen Ochromowitz – Greenwood resident –Stephen said that he thought our Department has done a great job to implement the hardware but he would like to see more done with the roads and just two weeks ago there was a huge pot hole on his road. Stephen stated that the roads need to be repaired.

Jill Powers - property owner – Jill asked about the expedited process if this would apply. Dennis explained that Greenwood doesn’t fall under the expedited process. Jill said she would submit her questions to Kim. Dennis stated that they would work on her questions at the next meeting.

**Item 9: Set next meeting date – March 1, 2018, 5:30pm at the Greenwood Town Office**

 **Subcommittee Meeting – Feb. 22, 2018, 5:30pm at the Greenwood Town Office**

**Item 10: Adjourn -** Dennis motioned and Tyler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Vote: 8-0. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned.